

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
FRANK NASH  
VERNE MILLER  
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December 5, 1933.

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Mr. Locke

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.



Mr. Keenan stopped me in the hall this afternoon with reference to the case of Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, upon which he addressed a memorandum to you. He said that Dr. Silvers' lawyer had been in to see him and had told him that Agent Tracy, of this Division, had said that he would recommend a nolle presequi to the United States Attorney in this case. I told the General that if this were the case it would be entirely contrary to the rules of the Division and that steps would be taken to immediately ascertain if there had been any violation of the rules by Tracy. I have prepared the attached letter to New York.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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MEMORANDUM

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Mr. Conroy telephoned from Chicago and gave me the following details concerning his talk with Stacy (?): He gave information as to four telephone calls, whereas before they knew of only two. He was in Kansas City during the past Spring for a period of twelve days. He stated that while there he associated with Verne Miller's gang; that during that time on three or four days a week he had dinner at Malloy's home; that on two occasions Miller took him to Johnnie Lashia's (?) place. He further advised Mr. Conroy that Bailey and Miller were not on good terms; that Phillips, known as "Big Phil" had been killed. Mr. Conroy stated that this confirmed information given by Bailey to Agent Andersen in Oklahoma to the effect that "Big Phil" was killed in the East. Stacy stated he did not think Bailey was connected with the Kansas City massacre; that he doesn't know George Kelly, and does not believe he was running with this gang; that if he, Stacy, sees Miller he will kill him.

Mr. Conroy expressed the belief that so far as the Kansas City angle is concerned, there should be no doubt but that Johnnie Lashia knows the identity of those involved. He stated that Lashia is now under indictment in Federal Court, and he will call him into his office upon his return to Kansas City, for questioning.

Mr. Conroy advised me that he gave Mr. Purvis the above information, and told him to keep everyone away from this man, but that he had given the impression to the other Agents in the office that he had been unable to secure any information. Mr. Conroy stated that the situation is rather dangerous; that if the crowd finds out that Stacy is talking they will kill him.

I instructed Mr. Conroy to make this contact at Chicago about twice a month and to give this matter his personal attention. He stated that before making the next contact in Chicago he will contact Malloy and Lashia in Kansas City, as well as Bailey, Kelly and Bates.

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Mr. R. H. Colvin,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a copy of the letter which you addressed to Mr. Simon Robinson, Manager of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, at Memphis, Tennessee, dated November 25, 1933, with reference to Mr. Robinson's request for cooperation in efforts to bring about the apprehension of Charles Arthur ("Pretty Boy") Floyd.

The Division feels that your letter to Mr. Robinson contains several most indiscreet statements. You seem to emphasize the fact that there is no Federal process outstanding for "Pretty Boy" Floyd. It would seem to the Division that you ought to be satisfied with the fact that the Division has seen fit to issue a formal identification order advising of the fact that Floyd is wanted in connection with the Kansas City shooting on July 17, 1933.

Further, in the penultimate paragraph you state that you do not care to operate with men from the State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Oklahoma City. The Division feels that even though you do not care to cooperate with the State Bureau, that fact should not be made known to a private detective agency.

With reference to the last paragraph on page one of your letter, the Division feels that it was not at all necessary to cite the specific instance where a prisoner was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for the purpose of assisting the Division in the apprehension of certain criminals. A mere denial of Mr. Robinson's request would have been sufficient in this instance.

Please endeavor to exercise some measure of diplomacy corresponding with private detective agencies.

Very truly yours,

Director.

224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Mr. Dixon Robinson, Manager,  
The Wm. J. Burns International Detective Agency,  
414 Bank of Commerce Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Re: Charles Arthur ("Pretty Boy") Floyd,  
I.O. No. 1194; Wilbur Underhill,  
I. O. No. 1191.

I have been delayed by the pressure of other work in answering your letter of November 10, 1933 soliciting the cooperation of this office in the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Wilbur Underhill.

I note the information furnished that you have an informant, now confined in the Arkansas State Penitentiary, who is able to - you think - place Underhill "on the spot". I note further your suggestion that if this office would make such a request, that your informant could be released on parole from the Arkansas State Penitentiary for a period of thirty days and that you desired to know whether or not you might depend upon this office for cooperation.

This office is ready and willing at all times to cooperate with other law enforcement officials, particularly in the apprehension of such characters as Underhill and Floyd, although there is no Federal process outstanding for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I could not agree to cooperate with you to the extent of making a recommendation or request for the parole of your informant from the Arkansas State Penitentiary as this Division can not be in the position of making such a request. We had one very disastrous experience in such matters - a case in which we secured the release of a prisoner from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to assist us in the apprehension of criminals and, while he was released into our custody, he committed several bank robberies, which was naturally very embarrassing to this service. We must, therefore, refrain from taking part in any such activities in the future.

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With regard to your further suggestion that only operatives from your office and from this office take part in any raid which might possibly result in the apprehension of these fugitives, I would say that I would not take part in a raid of such a nature unless accompanied by the local or state officials in the district in which the raid was to be made. This is particularly true as to "Pretty Boy" Floyd, for whom the Federal Government has no warrant. Likewise, I do not care to operate with men from the State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Oklahoma City, if I can help it, as I have not found them to be depended upon and their activities are usually accompanied by too much publicity to effect results.

You may rest assured that any positive information furnished this Division by your operatives will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓  
Kansas City

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 5, 1933

Mr. Nathan.....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent in Charge Conroy called on the telephone at noon and stated that yesterday a conference was had at Kansas City between Special Agents in Charge Colvin of Oklahoma City, Blake of Dallas and himself, together with Agents Anderson and Marshall of the Kansas City Office, at which time there was considered the possibility of bringing about the apprehension of Galatas and the other fugitives connected with the Kansas City shooting.

It was decided that Special Agents Anderson and Marshall would concentrate their efforts on Galatas and Underhill. They would proceed to St. Louis tonight and there interview one Tom Carney, a bookmaker friend of Galatas. They do not expect that Carney will give them a great deal as he is friendly to Galatas, but through the interview they hope to obtain some information. They will then proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas and possibly to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as Agent Marshall is a member of the same fraternity of which the son of Galatas is a member.

Conroy states that he believes that Agent Anderson is closer to the informant at Hot Springs than Colvin and requests if possible that efforts be made to expedite the authorization for the payment of a reward in the Galatas case, and in addition to informing Agent Colvin, he, Conroy, would like to be informed so that Anderson in turn may be notified. These Agents will keep in close touch with Agent in Charge Conroy throughout their inquiries.

I am informed that the authorization for the payment of a \$500 reward in the Galatas case has been received from the Attorney General, and notification will immediately be sent to Kansas City and Oklahoma City.

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Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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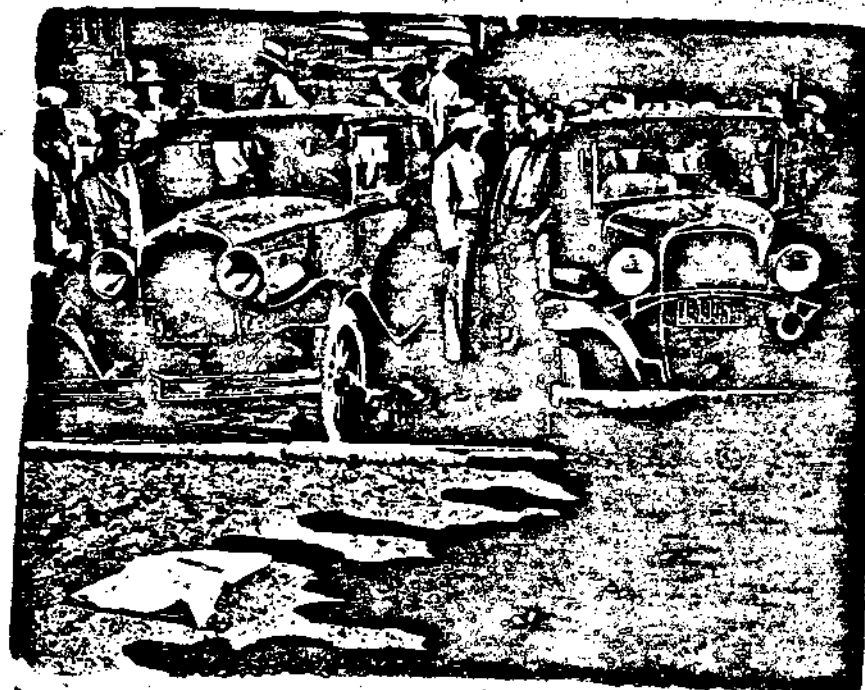
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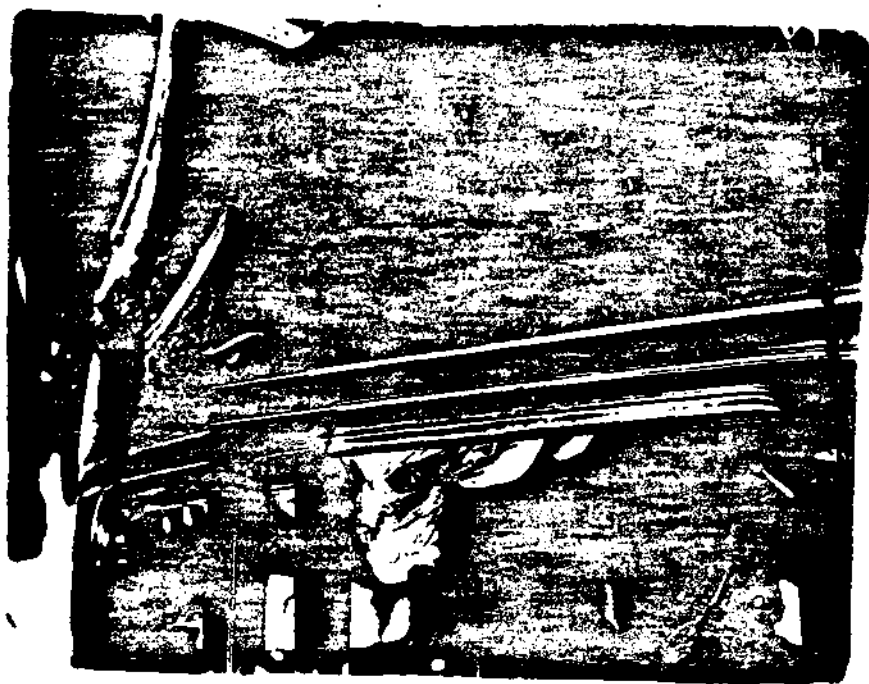


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December 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
Identification Order #1195, et al,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Rodeaver to  
Saliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash)

The Division desires that you give immediate attention to an angle of the investigation in the above entitled case which appears to be extremely important and has to do with the individual referred to in reports from your office and from the Chicago Office as "Curly".

On page 40 of the report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, June 26, 1933, reference is made to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, covering an interview had with one Dr. Farr, who was brought to the Kansas City Office by Sheriff Tom Nash on June 20, 1933, three days after the shooting at Kansas City. It appears from this memorandum that Dr. Farr was a very prominent surgeon in Kansas City at one time, but during the past ten or fifteen years he had become associated with gangsters and other persons engaged in unlawful activities, and had on many occasions surreptitiously rendered medical aid to wounded bandits. Dr. Farr advised that a gangster whom he knows as "Curly" accosted him in Gus Welch's place on 15th Street, between Troost and Forest Avenues, and asked him if he wanted to make some ready cash, and on being told that he was agreeable to the proposition "Curly" stated, "Well, one of the boys has been ripped in the hip", meaning that some gangster in the city had been wounded. Dr. Farr was instructed by Special Agent in Charge Jones and Sheriff Nash to meet "Curly" at 8 P.M. at Gus Welch's place, and to render any medical aid desired to any gangster, but to immediately advise Sheriff Nash later on in the night where he went and to whom he had rendered aid. This Dr. Farr agreed to do, and at 11 P.M. that night

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he contacted Sheriff Bash and advised that he had met "Curly" in accordance with the appointment had with him, but that "Curly" had stated that "our plans have been changed. The boys are taking the wounded man to Seminole, Oklahoma early in the morning (meaning the 21st). There is a negro doctor at Seminole who will take care of him temporarily. However, they will bring him back to Kansas City Monday or Tuesday. The wound is not serious unless complications set in." "Curly" then advised Dr. Farr that he could be reached over the telephone at Victor 6550, which is the telephone number of the Schuyler Hotel. Dr. Farr was also advised by "Curly" that the boys had insisted upon making the trip to Seminole as they desired to "bump off a cop there" who had mistreated in either questioning or arresting one of the women of their particular mob.

This information was telephoned to the Oklahoma City Office to be relayed to the Chief of Police at Seminole. The concluding paragraph of Special Agent in Charge Jones' memorandum makes reference to a high-powered creek in Kansas City, known as Bailey, a large man with curly hair, turning gray, but the memorandum does not make it clear that this individual is identical with the "Curly" referred to above.

Information which appears to be corroborative of the above was furnished by an informant of the Chicago Office on August 10, 1933, when Special Agent in Charge Purvis was called to the office of Mr. Frank J. Leach, 1340 Otis Building, 10 South LaFalle Street, and there received a memorandum which had been dictated in the office of Mr. Leach by the informant, the original of which was furnished the Division. The last paragraph of this memorandum is as follows:

"At 2:45 P.M. the afternoon before the Kansas City Massacre, Tony DeGracia (a fugitive from justice on a charge of murder in Melrose Park when he shot a man down one Sunday morning) and two other men, one named "Curly" left Chicago in a big Cadillac. They had one machine gun, two shot guns and supposedly revolvers. No kidnaping or shooting took place in or around Chicago during that twenty-four hours. Tony DeGracia is and has always been a great friend of Doc Stacey. He is a cousin of Stacey's. There is nothing to show that this machine gun was used in Kansas City. However, shortly after being returned same was buried and is still buried. I will know when this machine gun is brought out. Later on I will be able to tell you who owns this machine gun and who gave orders to have it released here."



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The above information is set out on page 14 of the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933, as having been furnished by informant #2. It is noted that the statement, as dictated by the informant, has been amplified to include the name Glouse, but the report of Special Agent Keating does not set forth that the informant had been reinterviewed and had identified "Curly" as being identical with "Curly" Glouse. There is, however, in this report a statement on page 15, following a description of "Curly" Glouse, to the effect that the "description was obtained from the informant, who stated also that Glouse is classed in the underworld as an expert machine-gunner".

Under date of October 21, 1933 the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Chicago Office with reference to the above matter, and requested that a photograph of Glouse be forwarded immediately, together with the fingerprints of this individual, stating that investigation would be made at Kansas City when these data were received. The Chicago Office was requested to give the matter immediate attention. Under date of October 23, 1933 the Chicago Office complied with the request, but the results of the investigation by the Kansas City Office have not yet been furnished the Division.

It does not appear that Dr. Farr has been reinterviewed with reference to the above matter, and it is believed that he is in possession of valuable information, in view of the fact that he has been associated with gangsters of Kansas City. It is suggested that he be approached through Sheriff Tom Bash and a thorough investigation made of this angle of the case.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, November 28, 1933, on page 8 of which it is noted that the Kansas City Office was to give close attention to the identity of a party named C. H. Higgs or Hick, of Branson, Missouri, who was called during April, 1933 from the Horseshoe Club. The attention of the Kansas City Office is directed to page 30 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, July 15, 1933, wherein information relative to Clyde Higgs, commonly known as "Bonthead" Higgs, is set forth. There is transmitted to the Kansas City Office, with this letter, a copy of the criminal record of this individual, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

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Reference is also made to the letter from the Kansas City Office, dated December 1, 1933, transmitting to the Division copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated November 26, 1933, on the second page of which reference is made to one T. C. Hill, brother-in-law of Nick Karnes, the home of the latter person being a hide-out for the Barkers, Volney Davis and a fourth man. The Division desires to call your attention to the fact that on page 6 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, November 1, 1933, T. C. Hill, who is well known to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices of the Division, is reported to be the uncle of Wilbur Underhill, and it is possible that Underhill is the fourth man referred to in the above memorandum.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Chicago, Oklahoma City and San Antonio Offices, for their information only, in the event undeveloped leads are directed to those offices in the future with reference to the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 5, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In the case of Mr. Irvin R. Silvers, Assistant Attorney General Keenan advised that in a conversation held today with the attorney for this subject, said attorney advised that Special Agent Tracy, of the New York office, had said that he would recommend to the United States Attorney having jurisdiction the entering of a nolle prosequi in this case.

Will you please communicate with Special Agent Tracy and advise the Division immediately as to the facts.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Nathan.....
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December 6, 1933.

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
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Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, et al - Obstruction of Justice.

This is to confirm my telephone conversation today with Mr. Hughes at the Division concerning an interview I had with Tom Kearney, bookmaker, 416 North 12th St., St. Louis, Mo.

After being introduced to Kearney by Special Agent D. W. Maher, who heard part of our conversation, I conversed frankly with Kearney about Richard Galatas and the Kansas City Massacre. Kearney frankly admitted that he had been a very close friend of Galatas and his family and remarked he was also a good friend of Lou Connors, who is now held in the County Jail at Kansas City, Mo. in connection with the Massacre case. He stated that he saw Galatas in St. Louis shortly after the massacre at which time Galatas told him about the trouble he had gotten himself into. Kearney at that time remarked that it looked like Galatas had "got the heat on him", to which Galatas readily concurred.

The conversation drifted to Frank Nash and Kearney advised that his information is that Nash was brought to Hot Springs, Ark. by those in power for the purpose of "putting on the spot" one Bill Brandenburg, former Chief of Police at Hot Springs, and the Editor of Public Opinion, a weekly newspaper at Hot Springs which has severely criticized the local administration there. He stated that Brandenburg has been an enemy of the present city administration in Hot Springs and said that in his opinion the local politicians would gladly see him out of the way, however, that Brandenburg was a fearless individual.

In reference to Lou Connors, Kearney stated that someone had communicated with him in her behalf while she was held at the County Jail in Memphis, but in view of the fact that the bond had been exorbitant he had taken no action. He indicated that he would be glad to raise a nominal bond for her if requested to do so and asked whether her bond was going to be reduced. He was advised that the writer would contact the Agent in

Charge at Kansas City to ascertain the present status of Lou Connors' bond and after securing this information would get in touch with him. He intimated that if anyone of his acquaintance could get in touch with Galatas it is Lou Connors. He expressed the opinion that Galatas would be better off if he gave himself up and in connection therewith said that if Lou Connors is released on bail he would have a friendly conversation with her regarding Galatas intimating that perhaps she would be willing to get in touch with Galatas for the purpose of having him surrender.

The above information was immediately furnished to Special Agent Conroy at Kansas City, by telephone, and the advisability of discussing the matter of bond with Lou Connors was considered. Later, Special Agent in Charge Conroy in a telephone conversation with the writer advised that he had talked to Mrs. Connors relative to her bond and had indicated that perhaps Kearney would furnish her bond if it were reduced from the original figure.

It will be noted that she has been in touch with William Mormon, who has previously been rather intimate with her, and that the latter is attempting to secure an attorney for her and her release on bond. It appears that in view of the above Mrs. Connors feels that she is about to be released on bail and consequently she does not appear to be anxious to communicate with Kearney, especially in view of the fact that he declined to go on her bond when she was held in Memphis.

Mr. Conroy stated that during his conversation with Mrs. Connors today she indicated to him that she would be willing to go to Hot Springs, Ark. upon being released from Jail for the purpose of attempting to secure information regarding the present whereabouts of Galatas. It seems she does not feel kindly toward him because he has made no effort to come to her aid since she has been in jail. It should be remembered, however, that she has always been considered a very close friend of the Galatas family.

After the above telephone conversation Special Agent Maher and the writer again called on Kearney. He was informed that the writer had contacted the authorities at Kansas City who advised they had no desire to discriminate against Mrs. Connors in the matter of bail and would likely release her on bond in the same amount as that furnished by some of the other defendants in the case. At this point Kearney asked the writer what the bonds of the other defendants were. He was informed that the bonds had been as low as \$2500.00. He indicated he would be in a position to have bond raised for Mrs. Connors through William J. Flynn, insurance broker at St. Louis. He also indicated that in the event that Galatas should surrender, as he said he believed the latter should logi-

cally do, he would willingly raise a nominal bond for him. He did not leave the impression, however, that he would take any action to raise a bond unless requested to do so by Mrs. Connors or someone representing her.

This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Conroy, by telephone, and after discussing the matter it was decided that it would not be expedient to take any further action at the present time insofar as Kearney is concerned. Kearney left the impression with the writer that he is vitally interested in the welfare of Galatas but feeling that Galatas would be better off facing what is against him he may cooperate in the future in furnishing information relative to him. It is believed that Agent Maher enjoys Kearney's good will and can contact him, with safety, in the event future developments warrant.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. A. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent.

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December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

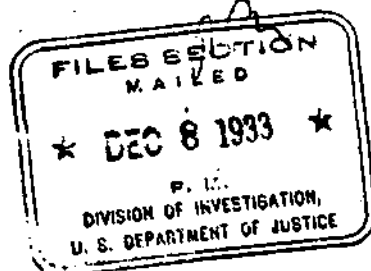
Re: Verne C. Miller, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al.  
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor  
to Deliver Federal Prisoner,  
Frank Nash).

In accordance with your request, the Department  
has approved the payment of a reward in the amount of \$500  
to any person furnishing information resulting in the appre-  
hension of Richard Tallant<sup>o</sup> Galatas with aliases, subject of  
Identification Order #1201.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director.

Acting Director.

CC Kansas City



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In the letter addressed to the Division by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, under date of December 7, 1933, a copy of which was furnished to you, it is noted on page four thereof that you stated you had not been advised of the offer of payment of reward for the apprehension of Dick Galatas.

The Division desires to call your attention to its letter of December 8, 1933, a copy of which was furnished to the Kansas City office, wherein you were advised that the Department had approved the offer of reward of \$500 for the apprehension of Galatas.

Very truly yours,

cc - Kansas City

Director.

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*W.H. Hays*

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December 7, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, ET AL  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,  
(Endeavor to Deliver  
Federal Prisoner  
Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm long distance telephone conversation of Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Division on December 5, 1933, regarding a conference held at this office on December 4, 1933, which was attended by Special Agents in Charge E. E. Conroy, R. E. Vetterli, R. H. Colvin and Frank J. Blake, and Special Agents W. F. Trainor, H. E. Anderson, A. E. Farland and N. E. Marshall.

A general review of the entire case was made in the beginning of the conference. A discussion was had of the evidence available against each of the individual Subjects, in addition to the possibilities of securing further evidence. Also each of the individual fugitives was discussed, together with the question of procedure to be followed.

With reference to the fugitives, it was deemed appropriate by all those present to lay primary emphasis upon the developments which might lead to the apprehension of Galatas, inasmuch as he is the person who actively arranged the conspiracy to deliver the prisoner, Frank Nash. Galatas is under indictment. All Agents present were of the opinion that at present intensified efforts should be made to cause his apprehension. In connection therewith, it may be noted that Special Agent Trainor has been instructed to prepare at the earliest practicable moment a consolidated report to contain all available data from the files of the Kansas City office with reference to the history and activities of Galatas.

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It was also felt by all present that active efforts should be continued to bring about the apprehension of Wilber Underhill, who is the only other Subject herein, who is under indictment at the present time. A report recently rendered by the Oklahoma City office indicates that Underhill is having his automobile serviced at Wetumka, Oklahoma, about once a week. Special Agent in Charge Colvin advised that he would proceed to Wetumka personally on December 5, 1933, and make arrangements whereby Underhill's apprehension may be effected at that point. Mr. Colvin advised that it might be necessary to have certain specialized Agents sent into the Oklahoma District on special assignment for that purpose.

[REDACTED] in order that these Agents may remain under cover. Mr. Colvin is to advise this office relative thereto. In the event that such Agents are needed, an appropriate request will be made of the Division by telephone.

With reference to the three remaining Subjects of Identification Orders issued in connection with this case, it may be noted that there is no federal process outstanding against Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd; Ed Davis and Bernard Phillips. The Identification Order was issued against Floyd inasmuch as he was reported to have been seen at the Union Station in the lobby before the massacre. The Identification Order was issued against Davis in view of the fact that he was one of the participants in the Memorial Day break from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, with Harvey Bailey, Wilber Underhill, Bob Brady, Jim Clark and others. The Identification Order was issued against Bernard Phillips in view of his close associations in the past with Vernon C. Miller and others. Of course, this office is continuing its activity to bring about the apprehension of Floyd, Davis and Phillips. However, special emphasis is being laid on the apprehension of Galatas and Underhill.

In connection with the question of bringing about the apprehension of Floyd, Special Agent in Charge Colvin raised the question that there was no federal process outstanding against him, and that any federal officers who effected his arrest would not be sufficiently protected, especially in the event that it should become necessary to kill Floyd in order to take him in custody.

At the time of the conference, in order to eliminate any question of procedure, I advised Mr. Colvin that I would take steps to have an indictment returned against Floyd by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City during the coming week. However, after giving the matter consideration and having discussed it with Mr. Hughes, I am of the firm opinion that it would be inadvisable to have an indictment returned at the present time. Same would only result in publicity, which at the present time might have an unfavorable reaction on the entire investigation as a whole. However, in order to eliminate the objections on the part of Mr. Colvin, I am advising him today that immediately after the apprehension of Floyd, I will take steps to have appropriate process issued at Kansas City, Missouri, in order that the arresting officers will be fully protected insofar as the federal government is concerned. Personally, I do not believe it advisable to even discuss the matter with the United States Attorney at the present time, due to his penchant for publicity.

Special Agent H. E. Anderson, accompanied by Special Agent N. E. Marshall, proceeded from Kansas City on Special Assignment on the night of December 5, 1933. Their instructions are to the effect that the question of the apprehension of Galatas shall be of primary importance. During the course of their investigation, there are to endeavor to secure any additional evidence, which might be available. They have been furnished with certain information received at this office, which may aid along those lines. It was deemed advisable by all present at the conference that Agents Anderson and Marshall, in addition to their revolvers, should carry with them a riot gun, in order to be able to act immediately in the event of any emergencies. All present held in mind at the time this decision was reached prior instructions from the Division to the effect that they should not be heavily armed. The Agents first proceeded to St. Louis, Missouri, for an interview with Thomas Kearney. The favorable results of that interview have already been furnished the Division. Last night the Agents proceeded to Little Rock, Arkansas. They will work at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity. They are to keep in close touch with this office; they will also advise Mr. Colvin as to their whereabouts, in order that he may reach them in the event of an emergency. After the Agents have completed their work in the vicinity of Hot Springs, it may be appropriate for them to proceed to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Galatas' step-son is attending the University of Alabama. It may be noted that Agent Marshall is a fraternity brother of Pat Sturney, the step-son. Young Sturney has been living in the Fraternity House at Tuscaloosa. It may be noted that Agents Anderson and Marshall are not carrying with them a code book or reports, inasmuch as it is quite possible that their

baggage may be searched at the place where they reside in Hot Springs. Agents Anderson and Marshall will rent an automobile at Little Rock, Arkansas, for their work in that territory, inasmuch as it would be extremely difficult for them to travel without their movements being checked if they used other means of transportation. The question of a contact with the confidential informant (Informant A) at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was discussed in detail. It appears that Agent Anderson has known this informant for several years, having worked with him at the time that Agent Anderson was a resident agent at Little Rock, Arkansas. Agent in Charge Colvin advised that it appeared possible for Agent Anderson to continue the negotiations with this informant, which had been begun by Agent Colvin. In order that there might be a proper introduction into the subject matter, Mr. Colvin called the informant on long distance telephone from this office. He advised him that Agent Anderson would see him during the latter part of this week. At a later date, if it is found that Agent Anderson cannot continue the negotiations, proper steps will be taken to have Mr. Colvin again proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the conference Agent in Charge Colvin also raised the question as to rewards and payments to informants, who might bring about the apprehension of any of the Subjects in this case. I have instructed Agent Trainor to check at various places, especially in the States of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Ohio, regarding outstanding rewards, in addition to those which may be offered by the Federal Government. The question of rewards on the part of detective magazines will also be given consideration. As to the money which might be paid to informants who actually cause the apprehensions, it is my understanding that the Director has informed Agent Anderson that the Division is willing to pay a confidential informant between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00, who may cause the arrest of Galatas, Underhill and Floyd. Naturally, these would not be published rewards. Mr. Colvin brought up the question that he had never been informed in writing along these lines. Accordingly, it is suggested that an appropriate communication be directed by the Division relative thereto.

During the discussion of this case at the conference and during my recent visit to Washington, D.C., at the conference of Special Agents in Charge, I have observed that Division offices apparently are in possession of information regarding this case, which have never been furnished the Kansas City office. It occurs to me that letters may have been directed to the Division by Field offices, and that copies have never been furnished the Kansas City office. In addition, it is apparent that memoranda have been submitted at Field offices, copies of which have never been furnished the Kansas City office of the Division. I consider it

Highly important that this office and the Division be in possession of every particle of information or evidence, which may be in any of the Field offices of the Division. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Division issue instructions to all Field offices to furnish the Kansas City office and the Division with all information now contained in these files, with reference to this case, which has not been previously transmitted. We should also have copies of all photographs not in the possession of the Kansas City office.

For the information of the Division, it may be noted that I am giving the major portion of my time to this case. The various Agents in Charge and Agents who attended the conference were advised of the Director's desire that all information clear through the Kansas City office in the future. It may be noted that in addition to having Agent Anderson and Agent Marshall on special assignment, I am keeping Agent Trainor on the files of the case, and when he is able, he is handling matters of a local nature in connection with this case. In addition, I am using Agent Farland's time also almost exclusively on this case, especially in connection with contacts at the Federal Penitentiaries located near here. Other Agents of the office are also being engaged on this case from time to time as their services are demanded.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Oklahoma City  
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December 8, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, et al  
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor  
to deliver Federal Prisoner  
Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Division letter dated August 4, 1933, making reference to the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash), on November 28, 1933, Agent Calhoun interviewed Ollie Jack Madding, a prisoner at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Madding stated that he is serving four years at that institution, having been sentenced for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, at Kansas City, Missouri, in April, 1933; that he served previously in the Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma, for bank robbery; that he served in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, as No. 11,297, having been sentenced in 1921 at Durant for assault with intent to kill. He advised that he gave information to former Governor E. M. Trapp of Oklahoma regarding the Walter O. Quinn gang and thereby received a parole.

Madding stated he desired to be given a parole from the Federal Penitentiary in order that he might locate Wilber Underhill, Fugitive. When asked how he happened to know Underhill, he stated that he had lived in Oklahoma for years, and thereby became acquainted with him and knew him in the State Penitentiary in Oklahoma. He stated that he knew Harvey J. Bailey at Seminole, Okla., and that he saw him with Herbo Farmer at Kansas City, Missouri, about two months before Bailey was caught at

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Kansas City, Missouri, about two months before Bailey was caught in Kansas City, Missouri, with Thomas Holden and Francis Keating. (July 7, 1932) He advised that he saw Bailey at 1521 Central Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Madding stated that he was acquainted also with Ed Davis, who is at liberty with Wilber Underhill at present, and that in 1922, he, Madding, met Vernon Miller at 2022 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, but that he had not seen him since that date. He advised that upon this occasion, Herb Farmer introduced Miller to him under an assumed name, which he cannot remember.

Madding was advised that he was one of several hundred prisoners in various penitentiaries who desired to be set at liberty to locate Wilber Underhill, and that no promise could be made by Agent Calhoun of any parole, or any special favor to be given to him, but he was invited to furnish any definite information he might have as to the location of that fugitive.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **62-888**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-7-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/21 to 12/6/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>O. G. Hall</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), I. O. 1195; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O. 1201 - FUGITIVE; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases, I. O. 1191 - FUGITIVE, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)</b>
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 25%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"> <p>DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE DEC 11 1933 PM</p> </div> <div> <p>SYNOPSIS FACTS:</p> <p>Report serves as a recapitulation of all information furnished to interested offices as received during the course of this investigation. Innumerable rumors regarding the location of MILLER received by the St. Paul office which when checked proved without foundation. JACK FRYKFFER disclaims any knowledge of telephone call received by him from VERNON MILLER on June 17, 1933. Arrangements being made to re-interview St. Paul and Minneapolis underworld characters in the near future. Information received that CLYDE BRIDGES, partner of BERNARD PHILLIPS, is in St. Paul and efforts are being made to locate him.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 7-27-33; letter from Detroit Division Office dated 11-30-33.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This report is intended to serve as a recapitulation in summary form of information secured by this office during the period of the investigation, which information, when received, was forwarded to interested offices by letters, telegrams, and telephone. This report is also intended to summarize the investigation required in this district with reference to the remaining subjects.</p>			
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For the purpose of securing leads as to the location of MILLER and the other subjects in this case, a review was made of the KEATING, HOLDEN and NASH files in this office and mail covers were placed on mail addressed to known friends and members of the gang with which MILLER, NASH, KEATING and HOLDEN associated while in and around the Twin Cities. Mail covers were placed on the following:

The GIBSON family at Brainerd (Parkersville), Minnesota, the family of VIVIAN MATTHEWS, girl friend of VERNON MILLER.

FRISCO DUTCH STEINHEARDT, White Bear Lake, Minnesota (notorious underworld contact affiliated with the GLECKMAN gang, said to have connection with the Chicago syndicate).

HARRY SAWYER, 1878 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota (local gangster friendly with the late FRANK NASH and VERNON MILLER; also is known to have supplied automobiles for use in bank robberies in the Northwest).

JACK PFLEIFFER, Hollyhecks Inn, St. Paul (Twin Cities underworld character, telephone number Emerson 2121, telephone believed to have been called by MILLER from Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933).

The activities of LEON GLECKMAN and JAPP GLECKMAN, his brother, in and around the St. Paul Hotel were checked. (GLECKMAN is the underworld leader in this section of the Northwest.)

As result of these mail covers and other surveillance the following information was obtained:

On July 10, 1933, a parcel addressed to BETTY MATTHEWS, VIVIAN MATTHEWS' daughter, care of JOHN GIBSON, Brainerd, Minnesota, was mailed at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 6, 1933. Bore the following marks: "Store No. B, slip No. D. 9964", shipped by the Theodora J. Lapres, Inc., Atlantic City, New Jersey, said box containing Fralinger's salt water taffy. The New York office was notified by telegram and letter as it was believed by the St. Paul office that VERNON MILLER would be with VIVIAN MATTHEWS. Investigation conducted by the New York office proved this assumption to be true, MILLER being identified by one of the clerks as having been in the store.

Further mail tracing was received showing the addressee as BETTY MATTHEWS, said tracing being taken from a parcel from the Joseph E. Sterling Alaska Silver Fox Farm, Ausable Chasm, New York, said package being mailed the 17th of July. Again the New York office was contacted but investigation in the vicinity of the sending office failed to produce results. It was thought by the St. Paul office that VIVIAN MATTHEWS was sending her daughter a present. Investigation by the New York office did develop, however, that VIVIAN MATTHEWS was in New York and vicinity and associating with the wife of a New York gangster.

A tracing was secured from a letter received by FRISCO DUTCH STEINHARDT at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, showing the addressor as MOORE from Atlantic City, the Biltmore Hotel stationery being used. Again the New York office was notified and investigation in Atlantic City provided some indication that MILLER had been in that vicinity. General investigation later established that MILLER was in and around New York city for some time.

A constant check of the activities of LEON GLECKMAN at the St. Paul Hotel produced information that while GLECKMAN was residing at 301-3, he made a telephone call to W. J. HUSHION, Montreal, Canada, on August 28, 1933. Re-checking this information established that HUSHION or HUSKION had an office at 409 Kuger Building and that his telephone number was PLato 6455. All of this information was transmitted to the New York office by telegram. The purpose of so doing was that rumors and information had been received to the effect that MILLER had a "cut" in the gambling racket in Montreal and that GLECKMAN also had interests there and it was assumed that GLECKMAN might be contacting MILLER. Investigation established that VIVIAN MATTHEWS had frequented Montreal but there was no indication that she was contacting MILLER.

Personal investigation conducted by Agent Hall at Brainerd, Minnesota, on September 14th, established that BETTY MATTHEWS, daughter of VIVIAN MATTHEWS, received a large doll and a wardrobe trunk for the doll on or about the 25th of August from Marshall-Field Company in Chicago as a birthday gift from her mother. This information was immediately transmitted to the Chicago office who made a check, without results.

With reference to the situation at Brainerd, Minnesota, sometime in July, the Commissioner of Police at Kansas City, Missouri, engaged MR. GORDON of the Burns Detective Agency of St. Paul to conduct an under-cover investigation at Brainerd for the purpose of securing information as to the whereabouts of MILLER. GORDON spent some time at Brainerd at Parkersville and, according to MR. PARKER'S account of it to Agent Hall, GORDON endeavored

to become friendly with the GIBSON family, without any apparent result. However, he did take into his confidence one CARLSON, according to information later received by Special Agent S. W. Hardy of this office. At a later date, the Kansas City office received information that someone taken into confidence by a representative of this Division had betrayed the representative. Investigation by Agent Hardy established that the party betraying the investigation was CARLSON who was taken into MR. GORDON'S confidence. CARLSON was never interviewed by a representative of this Division.

At a later date, Special Agent Hardy conducted an investigation at Brainerd, Minnesota, interviewing a representative of the telephone Company and MRS. CLYDE PARKER. MRS. PARKER informed Agent Hardy that BETTY MATTHEWS had informed her that her mother, VIVIAN, was coming to pay her a visit sometime after October 27th. In view of the developments on November 1st at Chicago, which resulted in VIVIAN MATTHEWS' being arrested, and because of the demise of VERNON MILLER, no further inquiry will be made at Brainerd, Minnesota, by this office.

A cover placed on the mail of JACK PFIEFFER resulted in securing several tracings showing mail from JOHN DREW, care of the Belvidere Apartment Hotel, 4655 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

FRISCO DUTCH STEINHARDT during the same period received letter from the Hotel Pine Gate, 555 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago office was promptly notified of these tracings with the request that inquiry be made.

Constant check was maintained upon the telephones listed to known hoodlums in the Twin Cities, among them being the telephones for the following individuals:

Emerson 2121, JACK PFIEFFER, Hollyhocks Inn.  
Cedar 1568, Herb's Garage, foot of Selby tunnel.  
Cedar 4899, Patrick Novelty Company, TOM FILEIN, slot machines.  
Emerson 2002, HARRY SAWYER, 1878 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul.  
Emerson 1931, Hollywood Inn, TOM BANKS-FRED ULRICH gambling joint.

This check was maintained for the period of June to October 20th, inclusive. The notes of Special Agent Hall who made the check are being placed in the St. Paul file. No telephone records of particular value were found except as hereinafter noted.



In the reference report of this agent, the result of considerable investigation regarding a home located at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, is related. The residence at 204 Vernon Avenue was rented from one J. P. McLAREN on May 27th by persons later established to be DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, and a woman named PAULA.

MRS. NASH and FRANK NASH visited this home on June 10, 1933, as evidenced by a fingerprint found on a beer bottle located on the premises and by statements of neighbors and MRS. NASH. On June 15th the male occupants at 204 Vernon Avenue disappeared to return early on June 19th when they immediately removed their personal belongings and abandoned the house. For a time it was suspected that the occupants had some connection with the kidnaping of WILLIAM HAMM, JR., in St. Paul on June 15th. However, it appears that there is not much evidence to support this belief. Among other things found in the house was the telephone number Emerson 2121 written on a piece of paper in the handwriting evidently of the woman PAULA. As previously noted, Emerson 2121 is listed to JACK WHEIFFER, Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul. In that connection, attention is invited to the telephone call received by Emerson 2121 from Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, which call, it is believed, was made by VERNON C. MILLER. As to whether DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS had any connection with the killing in Kansas City is not known. However, a portion of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent G. G. Hall regarding investigation conducted by him and Special Agent R. G. Coulter is as follows:

At Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Agents interviewed AL NAPHE, proprietor of the Standard Oil Filling Station. He advised that sometime about the 21st of June, a man with a Chevrolet Coach with yellow wheels came to his station from the north and stopped and inquired how to reach Highway No. 8. AL NAPHE asked him which way he wanted to go on Highway No. 8, whereupon the man stated that it was none of his G-- B--- business. NAPHE stated that he then informed this person that he was only trying to help him out as there were three roads leading to Highway No. 8 and he only intended to save him time. The man then, after a pause, stated that he intended to go east. NAPHE stated that the motor was very hot as if it had been running at high speed for some time and because of the surliness of the driver, NAPHE copied the license number of the car and wrote same on his license to operate a filling station, which is fastened to the wall of his station. The number he copied was 157309. It will be remembered that this refers to the Vernon Avenue address in St. Paul, file No. 62-888. Number 157309 is the number of the license plates which were attached to the Essex Terraplane purchased by the Roberts Motor Car Company from one A. CARTER.

Prior to going to Balsam Lake, agents conducted investigation at the State Capitol Building and obtained a handwriting tracing of the signature of A. CARTER, comparing same with specimen of the handwriting of ALVIN KARPIS, which can be located in the HEATING and HOLDEN file, St. Paul file 76-98. Agent is satisfied that A. CARTER is ALVIN KARPIS.

Photographs of about twenty individuals were handed to NAPHE and he selected the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as being a very good likeness of the man who drove to his station on the 21st of June, as he recalls. He advised that this person had a week's growth of beard, was deeply tanned, and prior to being given the photographs, NAPHE gave a very good description of ALVIN KARPIS.

Agent Coulter and Agent Hall are both satisfied that ALVIN KARPIS was the individual who drove the car to AL NAPHE'S filling station. In that connection, it appears quite conclusive that E. L. ROBERTS of the Roberts Motor Car Company, which is said to be a Gleckman garage, was telling a falsehood regarding the purchase of that car on June 10th. It may be that the Essex Terraplane, to which the license plates rightfully belonged, was purchased on the 10th of June, but it is quite evident that the license plates were not taken up by ROBERTS. Agent Hall has always been convinced that ROBERTS knew who the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue were. All investigation to date has indicated that the occupants were ALVIN KARPIS and the two BARKER brothers and a woman named PAULA.

In addition to the above investigation, the above two agents made an inquiry at the State Motor Vehicle Bureau, St. Paul, concerning the 1933 model Terraplane which bore Missouri license 157309, which automobile had been seen at 204 Vernon Avenue. It was established by investigation, as reported in reference report, that according to the records of the ROBERTS MOTOR CAR COMPANY, University Avenue, St. Paul, which concern is reputed to be affiliated with the Republic Finance Company, which is owned by LEON GLECKMAN, underworld leader, that this car was sold on the 10th of June by an A. CARTER, Minnesota title No. B 455-465 was issued to the ROBERTS MOTOR CAR COMPANY. The signature of ROBERTS was notarized by SAM FINE, who also notarized CARTER'S signature. SAM FINE is LEON GLECKMAN'S employee in charge of the Republic Finance Company. A. CARTER registered his car in MISSOURI on April 24, 1933, according to file No. 37 B 327 of the Missouri License Bureau. At that time he gave the address of 3834 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It will be noted from the memorandum quoted above that Missouri tags 157309 were the tags seen by AL NAPHE, proprietor of the Standard Oil Filling Station, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. At that time the tags were on a Chevrolet Coach with yellow wheels. It will also be noted that AL NAPHE identifies ALVIN KARPIS as the individual who drove the car to this filling station, said identification being made of a large group of photographs.

Information received from the Kansas City office indicates that A. CARTER is in reality VERNON MILLER. However, a comparison of the handwriting appearing on the records of the State Automobile Bureau suggests a strong likelihood that A. CARTER is ALVIN KARPIS.

Concerning the Chevrolet Sedan bearing Minnesota license B 14839, investigation develops that this car bore motor No. 3811319, serial 1 CA 0,320,433. This car was purchased on May 23, 1933, from the Midway Chevrolet Company, St. Paul, by C. W. DAVIS, giving the address of the St. Francis Hotel. This car was also seen at 204 Vernon Avenue. Regarding efforts to determine the identification of C. W. DAVIS, reference is made to report of this agent dated 7-27-33.

A further effort to determine C. W. DAVIS' identity was made when HERB WILD, proprietor of Herb's Garage, foot of Selby tunnel, was brought to the St. Paul office and interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and Special Agent O. G. Hall. HERB WILD has never in the past cooperated with law enforcement officers in St. Paul or vicinity. It appears to be a well founded rumor that his garage is used as a haven by hoodlums making the Twin Cities for storing their cars. He gave no information whatever, denying that he knew C. W. DAVIS. In that connection, attention is invited to letter of July 19, 1933, from the Kansas City office in which it was mentioned that long distance telephone calls from Herb's Garage had been made on May 30 and June 3, 1933, to Valentine 6760, which is the Del Monte Hotel in Kansas City. The Kansas City office made an inquiry without results regarding this telephone call.

The St. Paul office contemplates conducting an extensive investigation into the affairs of the Roberts Motor Car Company and Herb's Garage in St. Paul as it is possible that careful examination of the records of the Roberts Motor Car Company might result in securing some information concerning this case. It is also hoped that a similar inquiry can be made regarding the affairs of the Republic Finance Company. It seems apparent that the information secured from the Roberts Motor Car Company regarding the Essex car was false.

On August 30th a copy of a communication addressed to the Dallas office by the Kansas City office was received which advised that an attempt would be made to effect the release of HARVEY BAYLEY through the use of chemicals and gases and that a German chemist in Minneapolis would possibly supply the necessary materials. Immediate investigation in St. Paul and Minneapolis failed to develop the existence of any chemist who could be suspected of aiding in such a venture.

On September 1st, an inquiry was received from the Kansas City office regarding the expiration of the appointment of the Postmaster at Aurora, Minnesota; this for the purpose of determining when an inquiry could be made in that city to ascertain the present address of MRS. NASH. The letter suggested that in the event there had been a change in Postmaster, an inquiry be made. At the office of the Post Office Inspectors it was determined that the Postmaster at Aurora, Minnesota, who is very friendly with MRS. NASH and her family and who very frankly stated he will not cooperate with this office and Division, will not leave office until July 3, 1934; consequently, no inquiry was made in Aurora regarding MRS. NASH'S whereabouts.

Innumerable rumors have been received from time to time by the St. Paul office from various sources regarding the whereabouts of VERNON C. MILLER. Each rumor was carefully investigated by this and other agents with the result that it was more or less definitely established that the particular rumor investigated was without foundation. Typical of the rumors received is one received on November 9, 1933, from Chief of Police I. C. MEEKS, Aberdeen, South Dakota, which rumor was investigated by Special Agent R. T. Noonan. MR. MEEKS had an informant who stated that he had seen VERNON MILLER on November 7, 1933, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, dressed like a woman, the informant stating that MILLER had a red marcelled wig, a small hat with two feathers in it, and a short black jacket. He also stated that MILLER wore high-heeled shoes and limped, the informant stating that MILLER had received an injury in his right foot while in the Army. Careful investigation by Agent Noonan developed that the informant TED SEWELL was considered the biggest liar in town. Agent Noonan received other information concerning MILLER which is not being repeated here as it appears that it will serve no good purpose. A copy of his memorandum is being placed in the St. Paul file, the above being a summary of same.

On November 13th, one R. J. McALESTER, 2113 South Bryant Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, called at the St. Paul office and stated that he had seen MILLER on that date driving a Red Royale Coupe, slate gray in color. While this rumor was being investigated, news of the death of MILLER was received.

There is being incorporated here a memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. C. Goulter regarding investigation conducted by him and other agents of this office:



The St. Paul Division office on August 19, 1933, was in receipt of a telephone call from S. A. C., R. E. VETTERLI of the Kansas City Division office to the effect that an informant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised that DICK GALATAS was in Minneapolis two days previous to August 19, 1933, and could be located through HARRY FALK, 501 East Grant Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Appropriate inquiry was made at that place and it was determined that same was a grocery store operated by MR. and MRS. W. D. BAXTER. They stated that FALK received his mail there and they accepted his telephone calls. However, MRS. BAXTER denied knowing where FALK resided.

The Minneapolis City Directory was previously consulted and it was determined that FALK runs the American Window Cleaning Company, address being 503 East Grant Street and home address 507 East 14th Street, Apartment 36.

Inquiry was immediately made at 507 East 14th Street of the Superintendent of the apartment building who advised that FALK left that address in June and was reported to have gone to Chicago; however, she had heard that he was back in Minneapolis; that she did not know his business address. She advised that it was a fact that FALK was a window washer and that she had heard recently that he was residing at the St. James Hotel.

Inquiry of the clerk at the St. James Hotel disclosed the FALK occupied Room 1006. However, he was absent at that time.

During the night of August 19, 1933, FALK was contacted at his room by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hamm and Special Agents J. F. O'Connell, O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter. He is approximately 48 years old, and advised that his father, J. B. FALK, resides at 66 West 65th Street, Inglewood, Illinois, and that he attended the World Fair and visited his father for two weeks prior to Thursday, August 17, 1933. He stated that he is single and has resided in Minneapolis for the past twenty years and has operated the American Window Cleaning Company; that he has visited Hot Springs on four or five occasions, having visited there in November, 1931; August, 1932; and March, 1933. He stated the reason for his visits to Hot Springs, Arkansas, was on account of his nervous condition and that he had gone there to take baths. With further reference to his acquaintance in Hot Springs, he stated that he is acquainted with MR. A. C. BRITCHARD of Lemley's Drug Store of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and communicates with him from time to time. He stated that no one from Hot Springs had contacted him since his return to Minneapolis. The Identification Order No. 1201 of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, was exhibited to MR. FALK, who after examining same advised that he was <sup>not</sup> acquainted with GALATAS and did not know his whereabouts.

FALK had a large quantity of mail which had not been opened and which he permitted to be inspected, the result of which developed nothing of importance to this investigation and same verified the fact that he was in business in Minneapolis.

FALK claims that he has been arrested only once, which was in Minneapolis many years ago for robbery and that the charge was dismissed.

He was questioned over an extended period of time and from his actions and conversation it did not appear that he is actually acquainted with GALATAS.

With reference to his friendship with DR. PRITCHARD, he produced a letter signed by A. O. PRITCHARD, M.D., at Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 13, 1933, addressed to "Dear Friend Mac". With reference to the name "Mac", he stated that was the name given him by Dr. PRITCHARD and that he was not actually known by the name "Mac"; that while in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1931, he resided at the Palace Apartments, and in 1932 he resided at the Broadway Hotel, and in 1933 he lived just off Central Avenue at an address which he no longer recalls and that he received his mail at General Delivery. He submitted to agents the letter written to him by PRITCHARD which made some mention of the NASH killing and told him to look out for a Government investigation. With reference to this, he stated that his tailor, LOUIS TAMSKY, 926 Oliver Avenue North, had seen a Packard Sedan about town from Arkansas and asked him about it and he merely mentioned this in his previous letter to Dr. PRITCHARD just to have something to write about and he supposed that Dr. PRITCHARD, in writing to him, mentioned it in order to have something to write about himself.

FALK was requested to submit a specimen of his signature on the back of the letter, which he willingly did and wrote the name RICHARD SHERIDAN. For whatever value this letter may serve, it is attached to the Kansas City Division copies of this memorandum.

During the extended interview with FALK, it appeared that he is not criminally inclined and it is doubted very much that he actually has any knowledge of GALATAS. He stated that he knows of no strangers receiving mail in care of him at 501 East Grant Street and denied that he had ever heard of GALATAS.

FALK promised his cooperation and promised to notify the St. Paul Division office should any mail be received in care of him for any stranger in the future.

On July 20, 1933, the Kansas City office addressed a letter to the St. Paul office concerning cartridges found at Farmington, Minnesota, after a bank robbery in which ALVIN KARPIS and others had been tentatively identified. The request was that the St. Paul office furnish a number of the cartridges in order that same might be examined by the ballisticians of Kansas City for comparison with the exhibits resulting from the shooting on June 17th in Kansas City. For the information of the Kansas City office, these cartridges have never been exploded and consequently would be of no value to a ballisticians.

On October 24, 1933, a telegram was received from the Kansas City office requesting that all available ballistic exhibits from the Brainerd, Minnesota, bank robbery, which occurred on October 23rd, be obtained and forwarded to the Kansas City office for analysis. Special Agent John M. Anderson of the St. Paul office conducted inquiry at Brainerd, Minnesota, and secured from R. S. TITUS, a watchman at the bank robbed, one bullet with the request that it be returned to him at a later date as TITUS wished it as a keepsake. The address of R. S. TITUS is Ransford Annex, Apartment 140, Brainerd, Minnesota.

According to information received by Agent Anderson, the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension of St. Paul has other slugs and shells which can be obtained and will be obtained upon the further request of the Kansas City office. The slug obtained from MR. TITUS is being transmitted under separate cover to the Kansas City office and attention is being invited to the request of MR. TITUS.

On December 5, 1933, there was forwarded to the Kansas City office ballistic specimens obtained from the machine gun found in the stream near Cannon Falls, Minnesota, which machine gun, this office has been confidentially informed, was left there by members of the ROGER TOWHY gang of Chicago sometime early in the year 1933.

A payroll robbery took place in South St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 30, 1933. HAROLD E. STASSON, County Attorney secured a number of ballistic specimens and this office has been informed that MR. STASSON exhibited same to the ballistic expert at Kansas City, Missouri, who reached the conclusion that none of the slugs and cartridges had been used in the weapon used in Kansas City on June 17, 1933. However, MR. STASSON advised that the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension of Minnesota through one of their operatives had reached the conclusion that the same gang that robbed the payroll in which Officer CUNNINGHAM in Chicago was killed in Chicago had a few days before committed the South St. Paul payroll robbery in which one officer was killed. It will be recalled that in the Chicago payroll robbery, the bandits abandoned their car. According to MR. STASSON, the car and other

materials and articles have been identified as having been used in the South St. Paul robbery. One of the bandits in the South St. Paul robbery was evidently shot, probably in the lower part of his back. The fact of this shooting has been kept in the strictest of confidence as the Post Office clerk who did the shooting failed to notify the officers until it was noted that one of the bullets had gone from the inside to the outside of the Post Office rather than from the outside to the inside of the Post Office through some lead supported glass.

On November 3rd, the Kansas City office addressed a letter to the St. Paul office quoting a letter received from one JACK HANSON of Waterloo, Iowa, which in effect stated that BERNARD PHILLIPS and other known criminals had frequented the residence of THOMAS SANBORN, 207 South Second Street, Wahpeton, North Dakota. The Kansas City letter requested the necessary inquiry. For the information of the Kansas City and other offices which might in the future receive communications regarding the residence of THOMAS SANBORN, JACK HANSON is one JOHN MAGEE, formerly of Wahpeton, who has for many months past endeavored to cause trouble for SANBORN because SANBORN induced SANBORN'S sister-in-law to leave MAGEE, who formerly lived in adultery with him. THOMAS H. SANBORN is employed by the Great Northern Railroad. The St. Paul office has from time to time received rumors to the effect that VERNE SANKEY, VERNON MILLER, BERNARD PHILLIPS, and other notorious criminals were being harbored at the residence of THOMAS SANBORN. An investigation in each instance has developed that the writer of the information was MAGEE. MAGEE is said to be a trifle unbalanced. At one time he had written to the Street & Smith Western Story Magazine reporting that VERNON MILLER was residing at Wahpeton, North Dakota, at the above address.

On October 17th, Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni received information from a confidential source that there was a connection between VERNON C. MILLER and ARTY BEELER of New York City. This information was furnished to the New York City office, which office on the 24th of October advised that BEELER was a hoodlum in New York and that the information of Mr. Hanni regarding the possible connection between BEELER and MILLER was evidently correct, setting forth other information of value, until the death of MILLER.

This office has from time to time been requested to arrange an interview with one GUS NICHOLS, the prisoner at Stillwater, Minnesota, Penitentiary where three years ago he was committed to serve ten to forty years for robbery, in the hope that NICHOLS, who is said to have been



double-crossed by MILLER, might be able to furnish some information regarding MILLER'S whereabouts. A strict rule of that penitentiary, to which there are no exceptions permitted, requires that all inmates be interviewed in the presence of a guard. It has been the experience of this office that such an interview is very unsatisfactory. In view of the fact that MILLER is no longer sought, no effort will be made to interview NICHOLS.

Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni interviewed JACK PFEIFFER, proprietor of the Hollyhocks Inn and Twin Cities gangster, regarding numerous phases of this case but received no information of value. PFEIFFER had no explanation to offer regarding the telephone call made to his place on June 17, 1933, evidently by MILLER. It is the intention of this office to interview PFEIFFER within the very near future.

On two occasions, the New York City office has been requested to make an inquiry at the offices of Street & Smith Western Story Magazine, New York City, regarding the advertisement placed in said magazine by one R. MAXSON, 323 Walnut Street, Mankato, Minnesota, regarding VERNON MILLER, SMOKEY REED, and others. Inquiry by the St. Paul office has established that R. MAXSON is a woman whose deceased sweetheart professed to know MILLER and REED. It appears that further inquiry in that connection would serve no good purpose and the New York City office is requested to ignore the letter of this office dated November 14, 1933, as same has already been covered.

Concerning the possible whereabouts of KARPIS and FRED BARKER on August 24th, W. A. STICKLEY, JR., City Clerk, White Bear Lake, which resort is a favorite rendezvous of criminals in the Northwest, phoned this agent and stated that he had some information of possible value. MR. STICKLEY stated that on August 23rd, while he was in a beer joint at White Bear Lake, two young men driving a Chrysler Coupe, bearing Texas license 94574, came to the beer joint and one of the men appeared to be somewhat intoxicated. After examining about 20 photographs in Agent Hall's possession, he selected two photographs of FRED BARKER, one being a profile and one being a front view, and stated that he was more or less certain that BARKER was one of the men in this beer joint. The San Antonio office advised the St. Paul office that that license was issued to a Chrysler Coupe, motor No. 12048, the registered owner being MRS. GERTRUDE DULANEY who is also known as BILLIE. The San Antonio office further advised that BILLIE DULANEY had been employed as a waitress in a cafe near the San Antonio office, describing her as being 24 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 120 pounds, dark brown hair, and dark complexion. The San Antonio office also advised that she had recently received a divorce from her husband. Agents of the St. Paul office endeavored to locate

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this automobile the two following days but were unsuccessful. These men while conversing with STICKLEY stated that they were going to Denver, Colorado. Whether there exists any connection, attention is invited to the fact that a few days later a payroll truck was robbed at Denver, Colorado.

As result of check of telephone records, the Chicago and other offices were requested from time to time to make investigation concerning certain numbers called by known gangsters in St. Paul. All these inquiries by the other offices proved to be fruitless and the details of the inquiries, which have been previously reported, will not again be repeated here.

Periodic checks were made on known hoodlum hangouts in this section of the Northwest by Agent Hall without any information of direct value to this case being secured.

Identification Orders of all subjects in this case have been broadcast by this office to hotel managers, filling station attendants, individual police officers and detectives, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, postmasters, and all others who this office thought would be in a position to assist in causing their apprehension.

On December 4, 1935, Captain FRANK FORRESTAL, Minneapolis Police Department, informed Special Agent Hall that CLYDE BRIDGES, bank robber and friend of BERNARD PHILLIPS, was associating with a prostitute whose pander was in custody of the Minneapolis Police on an embezzlement charge. FORRESTAL made arrangements with her to ignore the case against her pander if she would produce CLYDE BRIDGES, who is wanted for the robbery of the North American Branch of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis about a year ago. This woman, whose name was not furnished to Agent Hall by Captain FORRESTAL, has informed Captain FORRESTAL that on December 3rd, she rode to St. Paul from Minneapolis with CLYDE BRIDGES in his large Buick Sedan, on the rear cushion of which was a machine gun covered with a blanker. She also stated that she was at times living with LEE GORDON, a woman in Minneapolis who is known to be an associate of bank robbers. The woman informant told Captain FORRESTAL that she went to a place in St. Paul, the address of which she could not give, and there saw a heavy-built fellow whom she could not describe but who, according to FORRESTAL, might be BERNARD PHILLIPS as BRIDGES and PHILLIPS are known to associate together. This matter is being pursued in the hope that it might result in the apprehension of BRIDGES and PHILLIPS.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

St. Paul Office

At St. Paul, Minnesota. It appears that HARRY SAWYER should be interviewed regarding the possible whereabouts of PHILLIPS for whatever information he might have regarding the killing in Kansas City on June 17, 1933. HARRY SAWYER resides at 1878 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul. He is known to be a member of the GLECKMAN gang and to have in the past rendered aid to various hoodlums. He was a friend of FRANK NASH and VERNON MILLER.

As requested by the Kansas City office on October 17th, the leading ballisticians in this district will be contacted and exhibited certain photographs of the slugs and cartridges used in Kansas City on June 17th.

A further interview should be had with JACK FRIFFER of the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, regarding the telephone call received by him from MILLER on June 17, 1933, and the nature of the business of the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, in which house was also found JACK FRIFFER'S telephone number. The persons at 204 Vernon Avenue were FRED BARKER, DOG BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, and a woman named PAULA.

At Minneapolis and St. Paul will follow efforts to effect the apprehension of CLYDE BRIDGES and BERNARD PHILLIPS by cooperating with FRANK FORRENTAL, Captain of Detectives at the Minneapolis Police Department.

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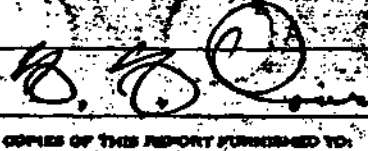



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **62-760**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-8-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-7-33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. F. TRAINOR</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED:</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE:
<b>VERNON C. MILLER, alias Verne S. Miller, alias V.C. Moore, alias Vincent C. Moore, alias V. C. White, alias V. C. Mason, Deceased; HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, alias Herbert Black, alias H. A. Patton, alias W. H. Baker, alias W. H. Baker, alias Harry J. Garner, alias Harry Allen Farmer, alias William Hilary Baker; MRS. ESTHER FARMER; MRS. FRANCES NASH, alias Mrs. Frances Miller, alias Mrs. Frances Harrison, alias Mrs. George W. Miller, alias Frances Mikulich Miller; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, alias Dick Galatas, alias Richard F. Galatas, alias Dick Gladis, alias Prichard Sheridan, alias Dick Sheridan, alias Richard T. Galatas, alias T. J. Gray, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER, alias Mrs. Louise Conner, alias Len Conner, alias Mary Conner, alias Geraldine Conner, alias Geraldine Lewis; ROBERT W. BRADY, alias Bob Brady, alias Pat Brady, alias J. E. Taylor, alias Bob Ross, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias F. J. Bloom, alias J. P. Bloom, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, alias Wilbur Underhill, alias Henry Wilber, alias Ralph Caraway, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1191; FRANK B. MULLOY, alias Fritz Mulley, alias Fritz Malley; LOUIS STACCI, alias Louis Stacey, alias Doc Stacey; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.</b>			<b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b> <b>(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Review of the file made with specific reference to Subject Galatas, and facts set out herein showing complete personal history, lodge affiliations, relatives, friends and property holdings of that Subject. Primary emphasis being placed on investigation looking toward the apprehension of Galatas. Special Agents from Kansas City Office particularly assigned in instant case making personal investigation in various territories.</p>			
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DETAILS: Pursuant to a conference held at Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agents in Charge R. E. Conroy, of this office, F. J. Blake of the Dallas Office, R. E. Colvin, of the Oklahoma City Office, R. E. Vetterli, of the San Francisco Office, and Special Agents Harold E. Andersen, W. E. Marshall, A. E. Farland and the writer, it was deemed advisable to pursue investigation at this time for the primary purpose of causing the apprehension of RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS. Special Agent Andersen, assisted by Special Agent Marshall, under authorization from the Director, has been dispatched by Special Agent in Charge Conroy to conduct investigation at various points outside of the Kansas City Territory. This matter is being now handled in the nature of a special assignment and all information is to clear through the Kansas City Office. Special Agents Andersen and Marshall will make investigations at points which may be desirable. They have proceeded to St. Louis, Missouri, and subsequently to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they are at present writing. They will conduct appropriate investigation in the Oklahoma City territory and possibly thereafter they may proceed to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and to such other cities as may be demanded in the course of the investigation.

The facts outlined in this report refer specifically to connections of Subject Galatas only and the data has been assembled in the form of a report as a means to facilitating the investigation looking towards his apprehension.

#### PERSONAL HISTORY.

RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS was born at Montgomery, Alabama, on November 18, 1890. He is the son of Albert Galatas, Sr., now deceased, and Mrs. Ida Galatas, who now resides at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, with her daughter, Mrs. Angelina Baines. He was known at Montgomery, Alabama as Dick Galatas. He married a woman at Montgomery 15 or 20 years ago who was known as "Rose". Little is known of the personal history of his first wife, but it was developed that she was not a Montgomery girl. It is not known that there were any children born to the first marriage of GALATAS. The first wife died and was buried at Montgomery, Alabama about 1910. GALATAS left Montgomery, Alabama about the year 1910 and returned thereto at infrequent intervals. After leaving Montgomery he took up residence at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The exact time when he went to Hot Springs is not definitely known. Galatas was heard from by his relatives at Montgomery after the year 1910 from various cities in the United States, including Los Angeles and Long Beach, California; Chicago, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas and various winter resorts in Florida, and elsewhere.

Mrs. Ida Galatas, the mother of this Subject, resided in Montgomery, Alabama until about the year 1920 when Galatas brought her to Long Beach, California. She had conducted boarding houses at 505 Dexter Street and on Lee Street in Montgomery during years immediately prior to 1920, but

the venture was a failure and she owed bills to many business houses. Galatas dearly loves his mother, and to solve the problem of her care he brought her to Long Beach, California, where he had purchased property and at which point it will be found that most of his relatives have become established, probably with his financial backing.

Mrs. Ida Galatas first met Mrs. "Betty" Sturney Galatas, the present supposed wife of Subject Galatas, when the mother, Mrs. Ida Galatas, arrived in Long Beach, California, about the year 1930. She was told at that time by her son that he had married Betty in Philadelphia, Pa. More details concerning Mrs. Betty or Elizabeth Sturney Galatas will appear later in this report.

Albert Galatas, Sr., this Subject's father, has been deceased for approximately 20 years. It has been learned that Galatas occasionally, while at Montgomery, Alabama, used the alias T. J. Gray. This alias has been added to the caption of the instant case with reference to Galatas.

GALATAS has been operating various types of rackets in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for at least the past five years, as has been developed through investigation. At one time he was in the garage business at Hot Springs, and was later in gambling and booking business there. Up to June 16, 1933, he was making his home with Mrs. Elizabeth Sturney Galatas at 107 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. GALATAS was one of the powers in the political underworld of Hot Springs and was the consort of criminals, including the deceased Frank Nash. He left Hot Springs, Arkansas, on or about June 17th, after having participated in forming the conspiracy to release Federal prisoner Frank Nash, which resulted in the murder of Special Agent Caffrey and the various other officers, as well as Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of June 17th. His whereabouts since his hurried departure from Hot Springs has not been known to this Division.

#### LODGE AFFILIATIONS

GALATAS is a member of the Sahara Shrine of Masonic Order at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, Number 54, of Detroit, Michigan, having joined the latter order at Detroit on April 27, 1928.

#### RELATIVES.

##### MOTHER:

MRS. IDA GALATAS, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California,

residing with her daughter, Mrs. Angelina Baines, wife of Luther Baines. Mr. and Mrs. Baines reside at that address.

MRS. IDA GALATAS and Mrs. Baines were interviewed by Agents of the Los Angeles Office, according to the report by Special Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, November 4, 1933. These individuals professed no knowledge of the whereabouts of Galatas.

MRS. IDA GALATAS in the year 1917 is shown to have resided at 633 North Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She probably has relatives residing in New Orleans with whom Subject Galatas might possibly be now in contact.

BROTHER:

J. ALBERT GALATAS, residence Number 9 Cain Street, Atlanta, Georgia, residing at the Masonic Temple in an apartment with Mr. B. D. Christian, custodian of the Temple. ALBERT J. GALATAS is financially embarrassed. He works as a salesman for some wholesale grocery company, the name of which is not known, at Atlanta, Georgia.

J. ALBERT GALATAS is divorced from his wife, who still uses his name. She is Mrs. Chlera Compton Galatas, and she owns the Galatas Apartments at 1105 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama. She resides in Apartment 1 there. It is said that she bears hatred toward the entire Galatas family. She has not been interviewed to date.

COUSINS:

MRS. HENRY E. JONES, 100 Forest Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, former wife of a cousin of Subject Galatas; namely, Jules Galatas, Jr. Mrs. Jones furnished a great deal of the personal information concerning Galatas which is shown in this report, and although interviewed under pretext it appears that she may be willing to voluntarily assist in causing the apprehension of this individual.

JULES GALATAS, Jr., cousin of Subject Galatas is said by his former wife to use the alias B. E. Gerson. Jules Galatas eloped with a married woman, Mrs. B. E. Gerson, formerly of Montgomery, Alabama, several years ago. He is now believed to be conducting a gambling game at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Gerson is a Jewish woman and was reputed to be worth approximately \$100,000.00 while in Montgomery, Alabama. She is said to now reside with Jules Galatas in Chicago, Illinois. It is deemed probable Subject Galatas might be in contact with his cousin in Chicago since their occupations are similar.



SIDNEY GALATAS, another cousin of Subject Galatas, is a cheap gambler and resides as a transient guest of various third rate hotels in Montgomery, Alabama. He is not considered reliable.

SISTERS:

MRS. ANGELINA (Galatas) RAINES, wife of Luther Raines, residing at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, with her mother, Mrs. Ida Galatas, who is the mother of Subject Galatas.

The residence in which the Raines family and Mrs. Galatas reside is shown of record to be in the name of the present supposed wife of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS; namely, Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas.

Luther Raines, of 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, brother-in-law of Subject Galatas receives frequent letters from the Liberty Life Insurance Company, of Topeka, Kansas.

MRS. IDA MAY MARTIN, sister, wife of Hugh M. Martin, is reported to reside at 1827 East 10th Street, Long Beach, California, with her husband.

Hugh M. Martin was the Station Master at the Union Railroad Station, Montgomery, Alabama, until early in the year 1932 when, after retiring due to failing eye-sight caused by a cataract, he and his family moved to Long Beach, California.

MRS. CAPITOLA CASTLEBERRY, sister, wife of William Castleberry, resides with her husband at 414 Finley Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. Her husband, William Castleberry, is a solicitor for a Lithographing and Calendar Company. She, herself, is a stenographer by profession.

There is said to be another sister or cousin named Ruth who is married, husband's name unknown, living in Long Beach, California. She was formerly a Galatas girl.

MR. ED SHERMAN, Engineer for the M. & L. Railroad Company, of Montgomery, Alabama, is a brother-in-law of Subject Galatas. He married a sister of Galatas, who is now deceased. Her first name is not available.

WIFE:

As already shown in this report, GALATAS presumably married about the year 1920 a woman who was formerly MRS. ELIZABETH STURNEY. It is said, although not definitely known, that he married her sometime around 1920 in Philadelphia, Pa. To date very little is known of the personal

history of Mrs. Elizabeth Sturney Galatas. It is thought probable that her maiden name was McFadden.

Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department, as reflected in the report by Special Agent E. W. McGee, rendered at Los Angeles 7-24-1935, show that Betty McFadden, alias Elizabeth Tallman was arrested in Long Beach, California, on March 28, 1923, with subject RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, and was presumed to be the wife of GALATAS at that time. They were arrested on a warrant charging check forgery from Chicago, Illinois. Full disposition of that case is not now available.

It is said that GALATAS is very fond of his present wife, ELIZABETH, and is no doubt with her since they have always traveled together and have never been separated.

About 1925 or 1926 MRS. ELIZABETH STURNEY GALATAS went to Montgomery, Alabama with her son, PAT GARDELLE STURNEY, who was a child by her former marriage. At that time Subject GALATAS was in company with them and it was noticed that he was very fond of his stepson and lavished many gifts upon him.

The mother of MRS. ELIZABETH STURNEY GALATAS was said, by parties in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to be a Mrs. McFadden and to have visited for nine or ten months with Mrs. Galatas in Hot Springs, Arkansas, immediately prior to and up to June 17, 1935. It is apparent that she might have left Hot Springs with Subject GALATAS and wife on the date of their flight after the instant massacre. It will be noted that McFadden is probably the family name of Mrs. Galatas. Parties in Hot Springs believe that the woman who visited Mrs. Galatas, known as Mrs. McFadden, came from Detroit, Michigan.

MRS. ELIZABETH STURNEY GALATAS is said to also have a married sister with several small children, who visited her on various occasions at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who is believed to come from Detroit, Michigan. The name and address of this sister is not at this time known to the Kansas City Office.

The name Mrs. George W. Bates was used in listing the telephone of Subject GALATAS, Number 3842, at 107 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. E. H. Martin, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, owner of the premises, stated that there has been no one living at that address since 1931, while she has been owner, named Mrs. George W. Bates. The phone was installed December 4, 1931 and the applicant signed the name "Mrs. George W. Bates" as shown on the application. GALATAS was the occupant of the house at that time and it appears that his wife probably used that alias in applying for

the telephone.

A girl named "Lena" addressed a card to "Mrs. Betty Galatas", 107 Barrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, during June 1933, which was postmarked Los Angeles, California, no other address given. In the card she spoke of school and called Mrs. Galatas "Mama". This card was viewed at the residence by Special Agent H. E. Anderson after the departure of GALATAS subsequent to June 17, 1933. It is believed possible that Mrs. Galatas may have a daughter somewhere in Los Angeles, California, and that her name is Mrs. H.F. Scherfler, 4223 Garden Homes.

STEPSON:

PAT GARDELL STURNEY, sometimes known as Bill Sturney, is the son of MRS. ELIZABETH STURNEY GALATAS, the supposed wife of Subject GALATAS. He resides at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Sturney, about the year 1925, was placed by his mother, in Starke's School, a primary grade institution in Montgomery, Alabama, where he remained several months. He then transferred to Lanier High School, at Montgomery, from which he graduated and thence transferred to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Galatas, his mother, returned to live with Subject GALATAS at various points during the interim of the education of her son at Montgomery. Subject GALATAS and his wife wrote to Mrs. Henry H. Jones during that period of time from the various points, and they seemed to spend a part of each year since 1925 at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to spend the winter season in Florida.

STURNEY first boarded with Mrs. Hugh E. Martin at 311 Church Street, Montgomery, Alabama, (Mrs. Martin heretofore shown as sister of Galatas), while attending High School at Montgomery. When in the early Spring of 1932 the Martins moved to Long Beach, California, Sturney went to board with Mrs. Myrtle E. Duncan, the wife of W. W. Duncan, 1215 South Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan now reside at 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Alabama. There is no known family connection between the Duncans and the Sturney or Galatas families, except one of friendship.

The telephone number of the Duncans at 109 Woodley Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama is Wel. 1366M. It will be noted that Sturney frequently placed telephone calls from the Fraternity House in Tuscaloosa, where he resides, to the telephone of W. W. Duncan at Montgomery.

PAT GARDELL STURNEY enrolled in the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, during September 1930. It will be noted that he resided during the summer months since 1930 in Montgomery, first with the Martins and then with the Duncans, as heretofore mentioned. Upon enrollment in the University of Alabama he stated that he was born October 27, 1911, at Detroit, Michigan.



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He gave his guardian's name as R. Galatas. Reports from the University concerning his scholastic achievements were sent to H. M. Martin, 211 Church Street, Montgomery, Alabama. It is found that a letter was sent on September 22, 1931, by the University to Mr. R. Galatas, 1215 South Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama, reporting deficiencies of the student. A letter dated October 7, 1932, was sent by the University to Mr. R. G. Sturney, 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Alabama. It is found that after the letter was sent Subject Galatas communicated by telephone with the Dean of Men of the University from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Evidently R. G. Sturney and R. Galatas were the same person; namely, Subject GALATAS. It is apparent that the addresses at Montgomery to which mail was sent to him were merely for purposes of forwarding.

From the Sigma Chi Fraternity House, Tuscaloosa, telephone number 875, STURNEY phoned on July 1, 1933, to Helen Clark, Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Room 2342 (this may be erroneously shown as the room number, it may be a phone number). He telephoned on June 24, 1933, to Frank Clark, Hot Springs, Arkansas, phone number 1300 and not reaching Clark at that address the call was switched to telephone number 3842 (the latter phone number is that of Subject Galatas at 107 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas), and Clark not being at the last number the call was again switched to phone number 1300 and was talked on for two minutes.

Several telephone calls were made around June 24th by STURNEY to Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, Montgomery, Alabama, telephone Wal. 15624. (Mrs. Duncan has been discussed heretofore).

It was ascertained that prior to June 17, 1933, around the educational institutions where Sturney attended, he was usually well supplied with money, which funds came from Subject GALATAS. Sturney is known to be a heavy drinker and plays poker frequently. Evidently he is inclined to plunge in his gambling and is poor pay, according to indications found through investigation. These characteristics are shown for whatever benefit they may prove when he is approached under pretext.

A cover on the mail of PAT GARDELL STURNEY, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House, shows two letters, dated September 19th and September 29th, from the law firm of Harris, Cowherd and Brown, Suite 829-632 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, Alabama. This law firm is composed of reputable attorneys. However, they have not been interviewed to date and a mail cover has not been placed because of the great volume of business correspondence received by the firm. This may be a means of contact which is being used by GALATAS or his wife to communicate with PAT GARDELL STURNEY.

STURNEY is now residing at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House in

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but is not supplied sufficiently with funds to pay his current expenses. He is employed at the Star Cleaners, 1306 University Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and has stated to the Dean of Men at the University of Alabama that he is paying his school and living expenses through the remunerations that he receives for soliciting cleaning work while attending college.

It may be useful to note that the following individuals have been approached and have rendered cooperation relative to covering the activities of STURNEY at the University of Alabama in connection with this investigation:

Hubney S. Lancaster, Dean of Men, University of Alabama;  
Mr. J. A. Anderson, Postmaster at the University of Alabama, which postoffice serves the Sigma Chi Fraternity House;  
G. L. Campbell, Operator in Charge, Western Union Telegraph Station, Tuscaloosa, Alabama;  
B. W. Cabell, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Revers have been maintained on the mail of STURNEY both at the University Post Office and through General Delivery of the down town Post Office, at Tuscaloosa. Checks have been made of the telephone and telegraph records resulting in the information relative thereto, and reported herein.

#### CLOSEST FRIENDS.

MR. THOMAS KEARNEY, 416 North 12th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, operator of a booking establishment with large gambling interests in St. Louis, is a close friend of GALATAS. He frequently visited GALATAS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, up to June 17, 1935. He is a man that would be in position to assist greatly in this investigation in view of his many connections in the "smart set".

NICHOLAS LA VOY, otherwise known as N. La Voy, and sometimes using the alias Lee Granger, resides at 3761 21st Avenue N.W., Seattle, Washington. He is a very close friend of GALATAS and has visited him at Hot Springs, Arkansas. La Voy has no apparent occupation but is believed to be a racketeer and gambler. He drives a LaSalle Sedan, motor number 900250, 1935 California license tags 8A-8503, registered as Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, California. The license application was checked fully and the individual found to be identical with NICHOLAS LA VOY, although he does not live at the Hotel in Hollywood, California, which he gave as his address.

GEORGE WALTERS, now a special Deputy Sheriff, Wayne County,

Detroit, Michigan, and night manager of the Checker Barbecue Club at Detroit (a questionable resort), was a reference given by GALATAS in 1933 when he applied for admittance to the Elks Club. When recently interviewed this individual stated that he did not know GALATAS.

MRS. LOUISE CONNER, wife of Escar B., alias Eddie, Conner, now deceased, has for many years been a close friend of GALATAS. She is also a Subject in this case and is now in custody at Kansas City, Missouri. NICHOLAS LA VOY, heretofore mentioned, is a mutual friend of MRS. CONNER and GALATAS and also of A. J. Conner, brother of the deceased Eddie Conner, who usually lives with Mrs. Conner and is now believed to be in the vicinity of Knobel, Arkansas.

MRS. CONNER, when recently interviewed by Special Agent L. G. Turron while in jail in Memphis, Tennessee, stated that there is a lawyer, whose name she claimed not to recall, in St. Louis, Missouri, who is a very close and intimate friend of Subject GALATAS.

MR. PAUL RAPPAPORT, Chief of Detectives, Montgomery, Alabama Police Department, recently advised a Special Agent of the Birmingham Office that Mr. Al Reynolds, hotel proprietor at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a friend of GALATAS and might be a good source of information. Rappaport recommended an interview with REYNOLDS, who is a friend of Rappaport, and the latter sent a letter through Special Agent Louis DeNette, of the Birmingham Office to REYNOLDS in order to introduce an Agent who should interview REYNOLDS. This letter is now in the Oklahoma City office. REYNOLDS has not to date been interviewed in view of the fact that Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, of the Oklahoma City Office, determined facts indicating that REYNOLDS would not be sufficiently reliable for such an interview.

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Hot Springs, Arkansas, believed to be reliable, furnished information to the Oklahoma City Office that NICHOLAS LA VOY, heretofore mentioned, together with GALATAS and another man known as Brock, whom he believed to be identical with William Weisman, well known New York Gangster, were associating together in February 1933 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Incidentally Weisman is known to be a friend of the deceased Subject Vernon E. Miller, and to have associated with Miller in Kansas City, Missouri, immediately prior to June 17, 1933. [REDACTED] furnished the information that the party known as Brock was driving a red colored Chrysler Coupe, bearing Ohio 1933 license tags, the numbers unknown. [REDACTED] stated that NICHOLAS LA VOY, heretofore mentioned, had informed him that he was a friend of Frank Nash and has many contacts with LEON GLECKMAN, underworld gang in St. Paul, Minnesota. Miller, Nash, etc., were members of the Leon Gleckman Gang in St. Paul.

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It is well to note that in St. Paul, Minnesota the underworld

commands the Police Department and is thought to be controlled by LEON GLECKMAN, Gangster politician; HARRY SAWYER; TOM BANKS; JACK PFKEIFFER and others are local hoodlum lieutenants of GLECKMAN in St. Paul.

The Hollyhocks Inn, a roadhouse in Ramsey County, near St. Paul, Minnesota, phone number Emerson 2121, is operated by PFKEIFFER.

HARRY SAWYER, known also as Dutch Sawyer, resides at 1878 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, telephone number Emerson 2002. Harry Sawyer operates a gambling house at 541 Wabashaw Avenue, St. Paul, where the telephone is number Cedar 9942.

TOM FILDEN, another member of the gang operates the Patrick Novelty Company, 518 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, phone number Cedar 4889, residence telephone Number Emerson 5795.

MENNY HARRIS, member of the gang, is the manager of the Boulevards of Paris roadhouse and gambling establishment in the winter at St. Paul, phone number Kikhurst 5776. In the summer Harris operates the Plantation Inn at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

It may be well to note here that a long distance telephone call was placed at 12:01 A.M. June 17, 1935, from telephone number Grand 9110 at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, to Emerson 2121, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the conversation lasted two minutes.

Also it is noted that a long distance telephone call was made from telephone number Grand 9112 at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, at 12:05 A.M., June 17th, to the home of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri. This latter telephone call was made, according to evidence secured by the deceased Subject Vernon C. Miller, and was talked on at the Farmer residence by Subject Galatas and Mrs. Frank Nash.

Telephone having number Grand 9110 and telephone having number Grand 9112, at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, are about four feet apart. It appears improbable that the same party talked on both of these telephone calls, and while Miller is known to have made one of them it is possible that someone else made the other, and both are believed to have a connection with this case. This information is given here with reference to GALATAS only for the purpose of showing the hook-up of the St. Paul gang with Subject GALATAS.

HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, and MRS. ESTHER FARMER, his wife, reside near Joplin, Missouri, on a small farm where their telephone number is 1541W2. FARMER is an old Con man and is totally deaf but is still an



active consort of the underworld. He is a close friend of GALATAS and aided materially Subject GALATAS in formulating the plans which resulted in the instant massacre. He is now out on bond. Both HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and his wife are Subjects in this case.

JOHN RUMER (brother of Bert Rumer, fight promoter), resides at 1821 North Harding Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, where an unlisted telephone number Talbot 2151 is situated. JOHN RUMER is said by LOUISE CONNER, heretofore mentioned, to be a close friend of GALATAS. RUMER and his wife were held at Red Bank, N. J. during the summer of 1932 for the murder of Eddie Conner, the husband of Louise Conner, who was a gambler. RUMER is a gambler and racketeer and is said to be an unusually close friend of RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS. Upon the recent arrest of Mrs. Conner at Memphis, Tennessee she communicated, through her attorney, with JOHN RUMER, at Indianapolis, according to confidential information reported by the Birmingham Office. Evidently an attempt was made by Mrs. Conner to secure assistance in making bond, and it is probable that she may have believed that GALATAS could be reached through Rumer and would come to her rescue with an attorney and funds for counsel and bond. At this writing, investigation is being made by various offices in checking the identities of recipients of long distance telephone calls from the unlisted telephone at the Rumer residence, at Indianapolis.

At the time that GALATAS applied for membership in the Elks Lodge on April 27, 1928, at Detroit, Michigan, he showed that his residence was at that time number 135 North Kitchenor Street, Detroit, and his business was shown to have been at 1039 Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan. He listed his occupation as that of real estate salesman.

GALATAS was proposed as a prospective member of the Lodge at Detroit by Mr. L. Roy Crites, 467 Henry Street, Detroit, Michigan. It is well to note that Crites was the subject of Detroit file number 26-3861 and was convicted in that National Motor Vehicle Theft case, and at the present time is serving in the United States Northwestern Penitentiary, at Louisburg, Pennsylvania, with a total sentence of 12 years received in that case.

Other references given by GALATAS at the time he applied for membership to the Elks Club in Detroit were GEORGE WALTERS, heretofore mentioned; NATHAN KRITZ, Library Park Hotel, Detroit, Michigan; HAROLD SCHENFLER, 135 North Kitchenor Street, Detroit, Michigan, (it will be noted that this is the same address given by GALATAS in his application); EDWARD A. ATTIX, Attorney, Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan. It is well to note that since the year 1929 Attix has had his law office in Room 1039 Penobscot Building, at Detroit, which is the same office formerly occupied by GALATAS. It may be possible that ATTIX is managing the financial

interests of GALATAS in Detroit, if such exist. It will be later noted herein that GALATAS is said to have holdings worth \$250,000.00 in Detroit, Michigan. The history of the lease covering Room 1039 Penobscot Building has not been secured and it would be well to ascertain who makes the payments of rent and who has the lease and when it was taken out.

TELEPHONE CONTACTS OF GALATAS WHILE IN  
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

GALATAS, while residing at 235 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, had telephone number 8842. During the four months period preceding June 17, 1933, a check of the telephone records reflects telephone calls from that telephone to the following individuals:

A. B. Brown, St. Louis, Missouri, phone number Laclede 1961, on February 21, February 24, March 5, March 12, March 31, April 2 and April 29, 1933. A. B. Brown's identity unknown.

GALATAS is shown to have frequently called Clara Harris, Little Rock, Arkansas, at telephone number 49633. That telephone is thought to be a pay station at Little Rock. The identity of Clara Harris is not known to date by this office.

GALATAS is shown to have called Dallas, Texas, Phone Number L.D. 922, on March 18, 1933.

It is shown that the telephone was used to call JOHN RUMER, Robert E. Lee Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, Room 721, on March 22, 1933. (John Rumer has been heretofore mentioned as a friend of GALATAS).

The phone of GALATAS was used to call Dr. Floyd Clark, Marseilles, Illinois, phone number 180W.

The phone of GALATAS was used in receiving a collect call from "Calhoun", Bastrop, Louisiana, on April 24, 1933. GALATAS' phone was used to call TOM KRAEMER, St. Louis, Missouri, Jefferson Hotel, on May 30, 1933.

Frequent telephone calls were made to and from PAT GARDNER STURNEY, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Sigma Chi House.

Also HERBERT A. AKERS, a police detective, Hot Springs, frequently used the telephone of Galatas at Hot Springs to call the Police Department at Little Rock, Arkansas, and placed several calls from the Police Department in Little Rock to the telephone of GALATAS between the dates February 20, 1933 and May 1, 1933.

PROPERTY HOLDINGS OF SUBJECT GALATAS.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES:

GALATAS is found to have had two safety deposit boxes at the Union Trust Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, one in his true name subscribed for on November 14, 1930, Box Number 2228, and another subscribed for under the name of T. R. Satalag. (This is the spelling of the name R. T. Galatas reversed), rented October 19, 1931, number 1714. Both of these boxes had been discontinued prior to June 16, 1933.

GALATAS has at this time Safety Deposit Box rented under the alias "G. T. Richards" at the Arkansas National Bank, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The last visit was made to the box at 12:42 P.M. June 16, 1933. A Stop Order in the form of a Federal Restraining Writ has been issued to prevent anyone from entering this box. The Injunction was issued by the Federal Judge at Little Rock, Arkansas, directed against the management of the Arkansas National Bank, and same has been in force since the inception of this investigation after June 17th.

STOCKS AND BONDS:

MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS evidently is the holder of stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. This belief is based upon the viewing of a letter from the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 195 Broadway, New York City, New York, addressed to Mrs. Galatas at 156 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which letter appeared to contain a dividend check and was delivered after the departure of GALATAS and his wife during June 1933. No record is available at this time of other stocks in the name of Mrs. Galatas or that of Subject. It is possible that some stock may be contained in the Safety Deposit Box of GALATAS at the Arkansas National Bank, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS:

It is shown from letters in the files of the Los Angeles Police Department, pursuant to the arrest of GALATAS and his wife during 1925, as heretofore mentioned, that GALATAS was in business at 418 West Anaheim Street, Long Beach, California at that time.

It is shown by the County Court records in Long Beach, California, that MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS is the record holder of title to the property located at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California.

AUTOMOBILES OWNED BY GALATAS:

GALATAS, on April 9, 1931, purchased from the Madison-Smith



Motor Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, a 12 cylinder Cadillac Sedan, Motor Number 1001193; original paint black; 4 wire wheels - two wheels in fender wells; tire mirrors and radiator ornament. GALATAS had this car in May, 1933, according to Service Records of the company from which it was purchased, and investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has indicated that he still had that car on June 17, 1933, according to observation of residents of Hot Springs. The Cadillac car bore 1933 Arkansas license tags number 98-657 and was registered in the name of MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS.

GALATAS also has Ford Coupe, motor number 18-86091, registered in the name of RICHARD GOLATAS. The car is a 1932 model and bore 1933 Arkansas license tags number 98-658. This car was red in color and was purchased from the Hamp-Williams Motor Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and financed by the C.I.T. Corporation of Hot Springs.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

GALATAS had an interest in a burlesque show called the Broadway Strand at Detroit, Michigan, which operated in 1928-1929. This was said to be really a house of assignation and was closed as a nuisance. GALATAS' name was not publicly known in connection with that enterprise. A man named Shutt was manager thereof. No personal history of Shutt is available. Edward A. Attix, attorney and friend of GALATAS, heretofore mentioned, Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan, furnished information relative to the above and stated that he assisted GALATAS in a legal capacity at the time the show house was closed.

POLICE OFFICER SCOTT, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who is thought to be reliable and is not in good standing with the Police Department at Hot Springs, which is known to be corrupt, stated during July 1933 to Special Agent H. E. Andersen that GALATAS was reported to have been interested in some of the larger motor companies in Detroit, Michigan, during former years.

The records of the C. I. T. Corporation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, show that GALATAS is said to have extensive property holdings in Detroit, Michigan, valued at \$250,000.00. No definite details regarding such property were available through the records of the C.I.T. Corporation. It is found that there is a report by a Credit Rating Company in the files of the C. I. T. Corporation showing this information. A further check through Dun and Bradstreet will be later made to determine, if possible, definite details concerning GALATAS' holdings or business enterprises.

It was generally believed by parties at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that GALATAS owns an orange grove somewhere in the State of California, possibly around Los Angeles, and that he has property holdings around El Paso, Texas. However, to date no information could be secured to verify

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such rumors. It is believed, however, that investigation at Detroit, Michigan, will be beneficial in determining some of the property holdings of GALATAS.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Richard Galatas, No. 7973, arrested police department Toledo, Ohio, July 3, 1918; charge, suspicion - con man; released.

As Richard F. Galatas, No. 21434, arrested police department, Los Angeles, California, March 14, 1925; charge, fugitive Bunco from Chicago.

As Prichard Sheridan, No. 9091, arrested police department, Columbus, Ohio, April 29, 1926; charge, suspicious person; forfeited \$50. bond May 1, 1926.

As Dick Sheridan, No. 5283, arrested Flint, Michigan, April 11, 1927; charge, suspicion - con game.

No undeveloped leads are being set out for various offices in connection with the above information. Copy of this report will reach each Field Office of the Division. Such investigation as may be desired in various territories will be requested by letter. None of the evidence pertaining to the instant massacre involving GALATAS is set out herein, and this report is primarily rendered as an aid to the investigation to locate GALATAS. However, any additional evidence to connect him with this case which can in any manner be secured is being sought.

The caption of this case is being changed with reference to the name of Vernon C. Miller, who has been found deceased at Detroit, Michigan. The death certificate of Miller will be presented to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. The Kansas City Office is in receipt of a letter from the Detroit Office with reference to Miller's death and identification. Also it will be noted that additional aliases have been added to the names of Galatas and Underhill. As soon as detainers have been lodged against Bailey and Brady, who are respectively serving in the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, have been filed, the word "Fugitive" will be omitted. This has not as yet been done, according to the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Louise Conner is no longer a Fugitive, having been apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee and so reported. She is now in custody at Kansas City, Missouri.

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Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al  
I.O. #1195; Obstruction of Justice - Endeavor  
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated November 29, 1933 from the Cincinnati office concerning information transmitted to that office by Special Agent L. G. Turrou from Memphis, Tennessee, in which it will be noted that following the apprehension of Louise Conner at Memphis, she advised Agent Turrou that Fugitive Richard Tallman Galatas is a close friend of one John Rumer of Indianapolis. Upon consulting records at Indianapolis the Cincinnati office developed that among several incoming and outgoing telephone calls was one to Walbridge 1600, Toledo, Ohio, which occurred on October 2, 1933. This information, it will be noted, is set out on Page 2 of the above referred to letter. Also it will be noted on page three that a telegram was sent on October 9, 1933 by John Rumer at Indianapolis to William Earp at Walbridge 1600, Toledo.

The above telephone number was called under pretext and the party answering the telephone, apparently a man sixty or sixty-five years of age, whom it was later determined was Dr. J. F. Earp, 2534 Broadway, Toledo, stated that "Bill" was not at home. He was asked about "Bill" in view of the telegram sent to a party by that name by Rumer. Upon being questioned about "John" he stated that "John" and "Bill" were at South Bend, Indiana and that they were stopping at the Jefferson Hotel. He was then asked if "Dick" were there and again he added that he was with "Bill" and "John" in South Bend. It was presumed that this Dr. Earp, if he were acquainted with Galatas, would probably know him by the name of "Dick" by which nickname Galatas has apparently been known in the past. When he seemed to respond to the name of "Dick" and in order to get information more definite, he was asked, "You know who I mean, Dick G" and he said, "Yes, yes." He also added that he expected them back during the latter part of the week. In order not to arouse any suspicion the telephone conversation ended there.

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The information secured from the Doctor appeared quite significant in view of the information furnished by Louise Conner at Memphis that Rumer was a very close friend of Galatas and it was apparent that Rumer

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was closely associated with Dr. Earp or someone at his address.

Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, Agent Hall and myself immediately proceeded to Toledo after furnishing necessary information to the Chicago office and requesting that Agents immediately conduct an inquiry at the Jefferson Hotel at South Bend.

At Toledo, Ohio Dr. Earp was called several times under pretext and it became very apparent that he was a central office and relay station for a gang of confidence men who are working in this part of the country.

Telephone and telegraph records at Toledo were consulted and the following information secured:

On October 8 a collect call was received at the home of Dr. Earp, telephone Walbridge 1600 from Erie, Michigan, telephone 36 F 21.

On October 14 Dr. Earp called Mr. Kenton at Erie, Michigan, telephone 36 F 21.

On October 16 a collect call was placed from Dr. Earp to his residence at Toledo, telephone 36 F 5.

On October 19 the following quoted telegram was sent from Walbridge 1600 to John Rumer, 1821 N. Harding Street, Indianapolis, reading, "Expect shipment Monday or Tuesday, will you be home" - signed "Earp"

On October 28 a telephone call was made from Walbridge 1600 from Toledo to Drexel 6199, Indianapolis, and on November 6 a similar call was made.

On September 9 it was found that a telegram was sent to Mrs. George F. Christanson at Stevenson, Washington reading, "Norman and Daddy driving through. Just left - hope for best, signed Helen". This telegram was charged to Walbridge 1600.

It was determined that Dr. Earp owns a cottage at Erie, Michigan which is about twelve miles from Toledo on Lake Erie, his cottage being located at a spot called Allen's Cove at Lakeside, the name of the cottage being "Marion" and is No. 14. This place was visited by myself and Mr. Keith and upon interviewing Mr. A. P. Raymond, a Deputy Sheriff who lives a short distance from the Earp Cottage, he stated that Lakeside has been known for some time as a hang-out for gangsters. It was also indicated that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Vern Miller had been seen in that

vicinity some years ago. Mr. Raymond stated that he saw a mysterious car in that vicinity about a week ago and it was also learned that Dr. Earp had visited his cottage two days ago. It may here be stated that practically all of the cottages at this resort are closed and very few people are residing there at the present time. Mr. Raymond was furnished the address and telephone number of this office with the request that he notify us immediately in the event mysterious happenings take place at the Earp Cottage. He was also given a photograph and description of Galatas. Mr. Raymond appeared very anxious to cooperate fully and it is expected that we will receive excellent service from him. It is very possible that the gang of confidence men with whom Dr. Earp is associated, frequently transact negotiations at the cottage at the lake.

While at Toledo a telephone call was received from Special Agent Reinecke at South Bend stating that a man registering under the name of Dr. G. W. Chandler who represented himself to be a rejuvenator of men, had checked out of the Jefferson Hotel and had departed in a Cadillac V8 bearing Ohio license K6029; that he did not, however, appear to answer the description of Subject Galatas. It is now thought that perhaps this individual is John Rumer. It was determined upon consulting records in Toledo that the above mentioned Ohio plates were issued to B. E. Rumer, 1104 Woodland Avenue, Toledo. It was found that this address is the home of Alfred Hosfeld. Further inquiries developed that upon making application for the above license B. E. Rumer requested that the plates be sent to 1821 N. Harding Street, Indianapolis. It will be noted in the letter of reference that Bert Rumer is a brother of John.

In the meantime information was received from the Chicago office to the effect that officials and employees of the Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago, had positively identified the photograph of Galatas as that of J. Grady who registered at that hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Grady on November 4, remaining there until November 14; that they were driving a Buick 1931 Coupe bearing Michigan 1933 license Y4589. Examination of records at the Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, developed that the above license plates were issued February 17, 1933 upon application filed by John J. Grady giving his address as Apt. 505 Lee Plaza Hotel, Detroit; that the application further stated that the car had previously been licensed in Louisiana under Louisiana license 231258 (1932). It was determined that Apt. 505 at the Lee Plaza Hotel was in February 1933 rented to Mr. E. J. Bricker of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. The Firestone people in Detroit verified this information. He is out of town at this time and has not been contacted concerning this matter.

Upon consulting the records at the Lee Plaza Hotel it

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was found that no one has ever resided there by the name of John J. Grady. Therefore it is apparent that the Michigan plates were taken out under an assumed name and address.

During the course of events the Cincinnati office was advised of the telephone number Draxel 6199, Indianapolis which had been called by the telephone listed to Dr. Earp. Examination by the Agent at Indianapolis resulted in finding a cottage apparently owned by John Rumer about four miles outside of the City of Indianapolis, which telephone is listed under the name of J. E. Thill. It will be noted in the letter of reference that the name Thill is an alias used by John Rumer. Upon keeping this place under surveillance it was found that the above described Cadillac car arrived at the Thill cottage yesterday and it was understood that three men who occupied the car entered the cottage. The agent having this house under surveillance at Indianapolis it is understood, has made arrangements to overhear telephonic conversations coming from that place. It of course is not known whether Galatas was one of the three men. Developments will judge the course of action to be taken there.

It was also found by Agent Reinecke at South Bend that a telegram was sent on Thursday, December 7 from South Bend to John/Marcus, 1107 S. State Street, Chicago signed, "John Grady." It was learned, however, that the author of this telegram was one John Lee who was registered at the Jefferson Hotel.

As above stated, several calls under pretext were made to the home of Dr. Earp and he advised that he expected "them" home about 8 o'clock on Thursday night, December 7 and in each instance he appeared to talk intelligently regarding "Dick." Late the night of December 7 he finally advised that he did not expect them back any more that day and that they would probably be not back before "next week" continuing to state that they were still at South Bend. During one of the conversations had with Dr. Earp in order to definitely determine if the person called "Dick" was actually Subject Galatas, he was asked if he knew Louise. He stated he did not. He was then informed that "Louise C. at Memphis" and he quickly replied, "Yes, he understood." He was further asked if "Dick" knew that "Louise C." had been taken to Kansas City and he stated that he did not believe that Dick knew this but thought that she was still in Memphis.

Although Dr. Earp appears to be somewhat feeble and not very alert, it is believed from his conversation that he was talking about Subject Galatas and was not merely carrying on some conversation to be sociable or to attempt to assume that he was familiar with a matter about which he knew nothing. During one of the calls he asked if I knew "Marie." He was advised that I did and he then stated that she had called for one of the parties from Columbia 2514, Detroit and he suggested that I contact her. It was determined that the above telephone number was



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disconnected and it was later learned that it is a number attached to the Isabell Apartments and used by the janitor. From this information it was felt that Dr. Earp had inadvertently furnished me the wrong number and he was again called. He stated that Columbia 2514 was the number which he was given and after some delay found a note which he had made and gave me the name of Marie Currell. It is felt that he evidently made an error in the name of the exchange of this telephone number at Detroit. This matter will be followed further as it is felt that perhaps this woman might be associated with the gang and will be able to under pretext, furnish information which will directly place Subject Galatas as an associate of the outfit.

Last evening a call was received from Special Agent Reinecke at South Bend advising that the Buick 1931 Coupe described above as bearing Michigan license Y4589 which was issued to John J. Grady was found by him at South Bend last evening parked in a garage and that from all indications this car was being used by John Lee, previously mentioned in this letter and that from all appearances John Lee was not Subject Galatas. Here it is interesting to note that positive identification was made at the Commonwealth Hotel in Chicago of Subject Galatas as John J. Grady and using the above described Buick. It now appears that whoever uses this particular car carried the registration and all similar data and therefore uses the name of John J. Grady in which name the car is licensed. It was suggested to Agent Reinecke that the people from the Commonwealth Hotel who identified Galatas be requested to proceed to South Bend and view John Lee who was then registered at the hotel or take some similar action to definitely determine this point. In this connection it may here be stated that while at Toledo Emmett Cairl, connected with the Detective Department of the Toledo Police, was interviewed and he advised that he arrested Subject Galatas in Toledo as a confidence man in 1918 and furnished this office with a copy of a photograph taken at that time, the Toledo number being 7973. At that time Galatas was considerably lighter in weight and the mark on his right jaw is very clearly indicated. Galatas had informed the officer that the scar was caused by the removal of an abscessed tooth through the cheek on the lower jaw. It is felt that the added weight which Galatas now carries, somewhat conceals this scar but it should be readily noticed upon carefully observing the right side of his face.

From all indications it is very apparent that there are several confidence men working out of Toledo; that they are using several fictitious names and are seldom together. However, it is now felt that with the definite location of the Cadillac car at Indianapolis and the Buick car at South Bend, that specific information regarding whether Galatas is attached to this crowd will be obtained.

The Kansas City office was requested to secure all possible information from Louise Conner concerning John Rumer and his con-

nections at Indianapolis and Toledo which will assist in this investigation. It has also been learned that on November 12 while John J. Grady was at the Commonwealth Hotel, Chicago, he placed a call from there for Trinity 25800 Detroit, which is the Seward Hotel. Investigation there disclosed nothing of value.

Agent Reinecke at South Bend also advised that a man registering as John Harris was at the Jefferson Hotel; that this man Harris, who is evidently associated with the confidence men located there, was paged at the hotel and answered a pay station in the lobby. It was determined that the call came from Toledo. This occurred on November 7. It was later developed that this call was made from the telephone issued to Marge Percy, 420 14th Street, Apartment 6. Nothing has developed on this angle.

The medical profession in Toledo seems to have little information regarding Dr. Earp. His residence is located at 2534 Broadway and his office is at 2529 Foraker Avenue, which location is directly in back of his home. It was learned yesterday that he perhaps has a brother named William and it is now felt that the William Earp in the telegrams sent by Rumer is Dr. Earp's brother, and when he refers to Bill, this is the person meant. Some of the telegrams indicate that perhaps Dr. Earp is dealing in the illegal sale of Narcotics. It is understood that there is a confidence racket in which the victim is approached on the theory of making several thousand dollars by putting up a few hundred dollars toward the purchase and disposition of narcotics; that the confidence men in the presence of the victim, communicate with a doctor who is supposed to be the person furnishing the narcotics and the result is that the victim loses his money and he is unable to report same to the police because of the illegal transaction in which he became engaged. Perhaps the Toledo situation is similar to the above described method.

Records at the principal hotels and garages in Toledo were consulted but no information was secured concerning any knowledge of Galatas being there. In the telephone talks with Dr. Earp he indicated that "Dick" was probably living in Toledo but stated that he did not know where. He informed me last night that the gang would contact him upon their return to Toledo. Special Agents Hall, McCallum and Meekins are in that city at the present time handling developments.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNIT.

Reference is made to the memorandum from the Division dated December 14, 1933, wherein you were requested to prepare data in memorandum form relative to a roster of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were sentenced on February 13, 1933 in the United States District Court in Northern New Jersey.

Kindly advise when I may expect this memorandum in order that I may accordingly advise Mr. A. Sunderland, Commissioner of State Police, Hartford, Connecticut, who is desirous of obtaining the information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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December 14, 1933.

Mr. A. Sunderland,  
Commissioner of State Police,  
100 Washington Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut.

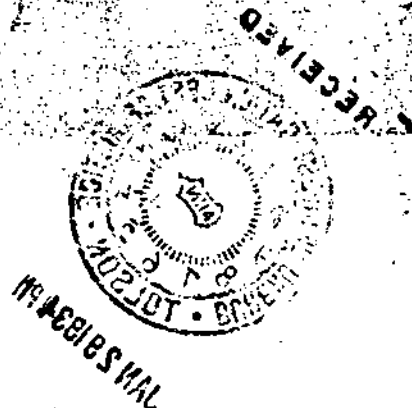
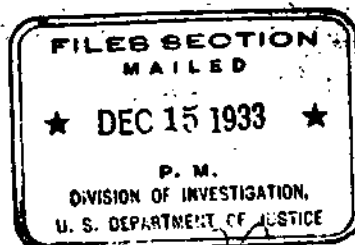
My dear Commissioner:

In reply to your letter dated December 8, 1933, your case #1-6554, wherein you requested information concerning a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 under charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were prosecuted in Federal Court, sentences being imposed on February 13, 1933, this information being sought in connection with your investigation into the death of Albert Silverman, alias Al Silvers, whose nude body was found on an obscure country road in the town of Somers, Connecticut on November 20, 1933, please be advised that I am causing the information desired by you to be assembled and forwarded to you at the earliest possible date.

Assuring you of my cooperation in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



FOR ATTENTION OR ACTION AS INDICATED

DATE

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. APPEL \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BAUGHMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HUGHES \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_  
MRS. SKILLMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mr. Jerry*  
*Send him to Prohibition*  
*Unit and ask for their*  
*data. Give him such*  
*as we have concerning*  
*Gene Miller, et al.*

PLEASE SEE ME

HAROLD NATHAN  
ROOM 318



ADDRESS ALL DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE  
100 WASHINGTON ST.  
HARTFORD, CONN.

Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Starnes  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Telford  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
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IN REPLY REFER TO  
CASE NO. L-6554

December 8, 1933.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On November 20th the nude body of Albert Silverman alias Al Silvers was found on an obscure country road in the town of Somers, Conn. The deceased was well and unfavorably known to the police of New York as a big time bootlegger and gangster.

Incident to our investigation we have occasion to make inquiry concerning the former associates of the deceased and our attention has been brought to a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and who were penalized in the Federal Court, the sentence being imposed on February 13th, 1933.

In particular we desire the following information:

- (a) criminal records of the accused
- (b) information concerning other big time bootleggers and gangsters who may have been concerned but not prosecuted.
- (c) as to whether or not the activities of any of these men took place in the State of Connecticut or in the vicinity of Springfield, Mass.
- (d) whether the deceased in which we are interested either under the names of Al Silverman alias Silvers alias Jacob Lubin alias Albert Shaw, was in any way a party to the crime complained of.

It would also be a matter of interest in this investigation to know just where this deceased stood in such investigation as you may have made concerning violations of the liquor law in northern New Jersey, particularly with reference to the activities of Louis Buchalder alias Louis Lepke.

It would also be of material interest to have the available information concerning the connection between this deceased and Verne Miller the outlaw who was taken with sudden and violent death at Detroit on November 29th. This would include the inquiry made through your Chicago office which resulted in the prosecution of Vivian Matthews and or Vic Gibson and a woman known as Bobbie Moore on November 28th on a charge of conspiracy to conceal Miller.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.

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December 8, 1933.

The following is the list of the men referred to and while it appears that they were convicted as charged we are informed that none of them have ever paid the penalty imposed and that they have all been at large and apparently have continued in their past occupation. We are particularly interested in the man convicted under the name of Abraham Loss of Detroit, alias Russell E. Thayer, alias Alfred Miller alias Alfred Wright alias Louis D. Baker alias Ben Johnson. This man has his office and place of business in the Lt. Royal Hotel in Montreal but has spent a considerable time in New York and Boston. The others are:

Wilfred J. Gauthier alias Frank Edwards - Detroit  
Guido S.A. Carbone alias Vincent Costello - Detroit  
Joseph MacEvoy alias Joseph McKay - Detroit  
Samuel Davidson alias Wm. Murray - Detroit  
Louie Marcello alias Thomas Russo - address unknown  
Nathan Eugene alias Eugene Nathan - address unknown  
Manuel Cuvier and Samuel Walton of Providence, Rhode Island,  
Frank Farrell of Cleveland.

We will appreciate as much of the foregoing information as it may be possible for you to send us.

Yours very truly,

  
A. Sunderland,

COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE

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December 14, 1933.

Mr. A. Sunderland,  
Commissioner of State Police,  
100 Washington Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut.

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Sincerely yours,

Director.



**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

December 8, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

Obstruction of Justice  
(Endeavor to deliver Federal  
Prisoner Frank Nash).

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DIVISION

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DIRECTOR

FILE

Dear Sir:

Complying with request contained in Division telegram directed to the Dallas Division Office, Roy J. Ashley now confined in the City Jail at Beaumont, Texas charged with violation of Probation, was interviewed. He stated that in 1931 he was sentenced at Beaumont, Texas to serve 18 months in the U.S. Penitentiary on a charge of Use of the Mails to Defraud. He was placed on probation for five years. He violated this Probation, was arrested at Natchez, Mississippi, and returned to Beaumont, where he is now awaiting transfer to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

He was questioned at some length concerning his information about the Kansas City Massacre, and stated that all he knows was obtained from Lee Strickland, another inmate of the City Jail, who is charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; that this information, briefly, is as follows:

That Verne Miller directed the proceedings at Kansas City, and Wilbur Underhill drove one car; that after it was over the gang stayed at Underhill's brother in Talaquah or Tallehina, Oklahoma. The brother's name is Oniger. The guns used in the massacre were secreted at one Jim Carter's at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that they were later given by Carter to Strickland and another boy who were to dispose of them. In Dallas the officers were pressing Strickland, who threw the guns into the Trinity River one half to three quarter miles North from where the Houston Road crosses the Trinity near three Sycamore or Cottonwood Trees. A bailing wire was attached to a snag on the bank and also to the guns before they were thrown in, in order that they could be recovered later. There were two automatic pistols, one automatic rifle and one machine gun.

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Ashley stated that Strickland asked him if he were released to go to 1741 E. 8th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and find one Morris Harver and have Harver's wife go with him to see Jim Carter; that he was to tell Carter unless an affidavit were signed clearing Strickland of the theft of this car he (Strickland) would tell the authorities about the guns. Carter was supposed to have been with the gang at Kansas City and is alleged by Strickland to have given him \$100.00 for disposing of the guns at the same time he gave him his car.

Jim Carter is the owner of the car stolen by Strickland. Strickland refused to talk to Agent, and the only information available was that which he has given Ashley. Past experience with Ashley has shown that he cannot be trusted. Strickland, it seems, is making a desperate effort to beat the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Charge, and Ashley desires to be rewarded by being allowed to serve his time at New Orleans instead of Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

VWH:DSS

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 8, 1933.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Hughes .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. Locke .....
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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached copy of a letter addressed to Mr. J. V. Bennett, by Mary B. Harris, Superintendent of the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, dated December 6, concerning the proposed visit of Mr. Nathan to Alderson for the purpose of interviewing Vi Mathews I called the New York office on the telephone promptly upon receipt of this letter at noon and read the same to Agent in Charge Fay and asked him to be sure that Mr. Nathan was fully advised of its terms.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*  
V. W. Hughes.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN  
ALDERSON, WEST VIRGINIA.

December 6, 1933.

Mr. J. V. Bennett,  
Acting Director,  
Bureau of Prisons,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 5th with reference to Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation, who is planning to come to Alderson to interview Vi Matthews. We assume that you refer to our case Vivian<sup>O</sup> Mathias, No. 2231, who was recently arrested in connection with Verne Miller.

This woman is in quarantine at the present time, but will be released on December 17th. I suggest that you ask Mr. Nathan to postpone his visit until after that date. I am sure he will find her better adjusted and more ready to cooperate. She is quite nervous at the present time.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Mary B. Harris,  
Superintendent.

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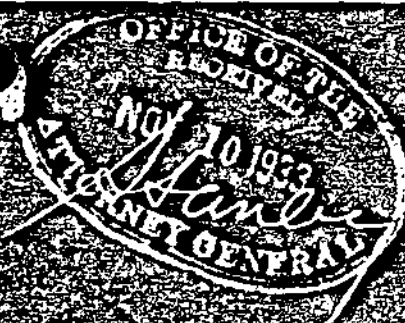
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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.



November 9, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Since the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, at which time an Agent of this Division, together with three police officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, was murdered, this Division has been endeavoring to locate Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, who has been indicted at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with this offense.

I am now in receipt of confidential information from my Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City advising that he has made contact with an informant who declares that he can point out Galatas to our Agents and will do so provided he is paid \$500.00 after Galatas is in custody. This informant is, according to all available information, in a position to be advised of the whereabouts and activities of the fugitive and it is not improbable that his statement that he can point him out is correct. Consequently, I am inclined to recommend that the offer of the informant be accepted. It will be noted that no advances are to be paid the informant until Galatas has been taken into custody. His apprehension would, in all probability, save several times the amount of the reward because of the vigorous and extensive efforts being made by the Division to locate him.

The Appropriation Act for the Division of Investigation includes a proviso for the payment of rewards upon approval of the Attorney General, and I desire to recommend that the Division be authorized to offer and pay a reward of \$500.00 for the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases.

For your information I am attaching Identification Order No. 1201, issued by the Division, containing descriptive data concerning this man.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director

Mr. Carusi:

Incl. #361127

I approve of the above mentioned payment.

William Stanley  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**FILE NO. **62-456**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-9-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-6, 7 &amp; 24-33</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. S. Smith</b>
TITLE <b>VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Based on information furnished by Okla. State Bureau of Criminal Identification that Underhill and a gang of eight bandits had been forced from their automobile in the Cookson Hills and requesting assistance in causing his apprehension, a posse was formed at Oklahoma City and proceeded toallisaw, Oklahoma, where, after conference with the Sheriff, it was developed that there was no foundation to report of Underhill being in that vicinity. Deputy Sheriff Charles Jones, Billings, Okla., advises that Will Davis resides two miles north and one-half mile east of Billings. No information as to his character or associates. Deputy Jones promised to make discreet inquiries and investigation and advise the Oklahoma City office.

REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City office to Kansas City, 10-19-33.

## DETAILS:

On November 6, 1933 the Oklahoma City Division office was advised by telephone by Mr. Ray of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, Oklahoma City, that he had received word through one of his operatives, Mr. Johnson, that Underhill and a gang of about eight bandits had been forced from their automobile in the Cookson Hills and that all roads of escape were being covered; that they needed assistance in causing their apprehension. Mr. Ray suggested that instructions should be received from the Sheriff's office atallisaw, Oklahoma as to the mode of operation.

Accordingly, the writer, Agent Denderick and a posse of Oklahoma County

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-29915-957	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 12 1933
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Deputy Sheriffs, on instructions of SAC Colvin, proceeded immediately to Sallisaw, Oklahoma, where conference was had with the County Jailor, who stated that he had been instructed to direct the party to where the Sheriff and a posse were then waiting with dogs to take up the trail of Underhill and other bandits south. He directed the party through a remote section of the Cookson Hills, finally arriving at Vian, Oklahoma, and to a residence in a remote section, where he stated that the posse were then waiting. There Joe Anderson, especially employed by the Governor of Kansas in the interest of apprehending Underhill, and the Sheriff from Sallisaw and his Deputy were found eating supper. Joe Anderson stated that in his opinion and based on a general line of rumor coming from confidential sources, Underhill, thought to have been associated with Bradshaw and others in the robbery of the Okmulgee Bank recently, were in the Cookson Hills together and cut up the proceeds from this robbery and that Underhill and Bradshaw had a falling out over the division of the spoils; that it was thought that Underhill had gone away to get his mother and bring her back to the Cookson Hills, where he had arranged for a place for her to stay and that it was thought that he had gone to Kansas City. The Sheriff advised that Bradshaw and probably others of his gang had been in Vian the night previous and made threats to kill local officers and that he expected he might return and he desired the apprehension of Bradshaw. It was soon determined that it was the desire of the Sheriff that Government Agents and other members of the posse assist him in locating Bradshaw, whom he stated it would be necessary to kill before he would surrender. In view of the above facts, Agents and Deputy Sheriffs returned to Oklahoma City.

Joe Anderson advised that in the event he obtained any information as to the whereabouts of Underhill, he would immediately notify the Oklahoma City Division office.

The reference letter stated that one Will Davis, Billings, Oklahoma, is a friend of Wilbur Underhill and Ed Davis and that Davis is supposed from time to time to shield Underhill and other outlaws.

It was ascertained at the Post Office at Billings that one Will Davis resides two miles north and one-half mile east of Billings. Deputy Sheriff Charles Jones stated that Will Davis moved into that vicinity about a year ago and is now residing on a farm; that he has a wife and two children and is a man about 40 years of age; that he has no information indicating that there is anything wrong with Davis and does not know where he came from. He stated that he would make observations and inquiries in an effort to determine if Davis is shielding criminals; that on receipt of any information indicating that Underhill visits Davis or is protected by Davis, that he will advise the Oklahoma City Division office.

Deputy Sheriff Jones suggested that on account of the location of the premises of Davis and the class of citizenship residing in that community, that an Agent of this Division would obtain no results by making inquiry and that he felt he would be able to obtain information in a discreet manner, if there were any grounds for the rumors that Underhill is being protected by Davis.



UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE - When an Agent is next in the vicinity of Billings, Oklahoma, will contact Deputy Sheriff Charles Jones and ascertain what information he has been able to develop concerning Will Davis and whether he is protecting Wilbur Underhill and his associates.

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RE: ps

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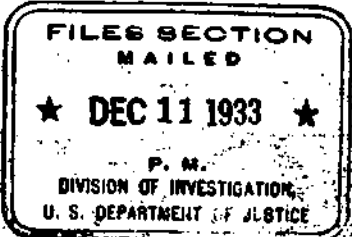
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. V. BENNETT,  
ACTING DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 5, 1933, wherein I advised that the Dallas Office of this Division had been requested to obtain information relative to the telegram received by you from Roy J. Ashley. Please be advised that I have received the following quoted telegram from the Dallas Office of this Division:

"Retel fifth Roy J. Ashley in jail Beaumont  
Knows nothing material Kansas City massacre  
Believe his offer should be rejected"

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. BENNETT, BUREAU  
OF PRISONS.

There is returned herewith the original letter addressed to you by Mary B. Harris, Superintendent of the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, dated December 5, with reference to the proposed interview with Vi Matthews at Alderson by Mr. Nathan, of this Division.

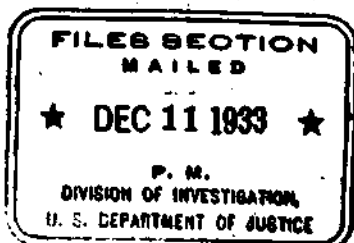
Mr. Nathan has been advised of the contents of this letter and will arrange his visit to the institution on December 17th., or later.

Thanking you for calling the matter to my attention, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 677036.





FROM

## DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS

TO

The Attorney General  
Asst. Atty. General Sisson

Mr. Bennett	Dr. Stannard
Mr. Hammack	Mr. Tucker
Mr. MacCormick	Judge Wood
Mr. Armstrong	Miss Kinsella
Mr. Barrows	Mr. Loveland
Miss Collins	Mr. Mead
Mr. Chancellor	Mr. Merry
Miss Chapman	Mr. Moore
Mr. Dodge	Mr. Overlade
Mr. Ellsberry	Miss Rayer
Miss Fulkerson	Miss Smyth
Miss Grant	Mr. Swadley
Mr. Heckman	General Agent
Mr. Hoover	Fiscal Control
<i>Mr. Nathan</i>	Supply Division

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For your information

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Investigate and report

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN  
ALDERSON, WEST VIRGINIA.

December 6, 1933.

Mr. J. V. Bennett,  
Acting Director,  
Bureau of Prisons,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 5th with reference to Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation, who is planning to come to Alderson to interview Vivian Mathias. We assume that you refer to our case Vivian Mathias, No. 2231, who was recently arrested in connection with Verne Miller.

This woman is in quartine at the present time, but will be released on December 17th. I suggest that you ask Mr. Nathan to postpone his visit until after that date. I am sure he will find her better adjusted and more ready to cooperate. She is quite nervous at the present time.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Mary B. Harris,  
Superintendent.

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December 19, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 1,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, DECEASED,  
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver a  
Federal Prisoner.

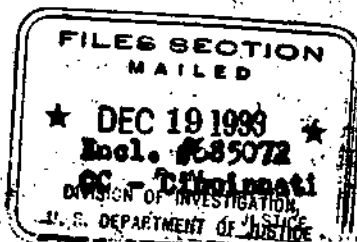
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received from the Cincinnati office, dated December 11, 1933, relative to certain information to be developed in contacting

[REDACTED] concerning Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, who is believed to be corresponding with a convict presently incarcerated in that institution. b7D

It does not appear that a copy of this letter was furnished your office.

Very truly yours,



Director

*W. H. H. H.*

*H. H.*

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1420 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Locke	✓

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December 11, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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DEC 12 1933 P.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIRECTOR  
NATHAN  
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Dear Sir:  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
DEC 14 1933 AM

Re: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1201;  
WILBUR UNDERHILL with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1191  
MRS. E. B. CONNER with aliases - FUGITIVE et al.,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash.)

The following information was furnished Special Agent R. D. Brown of this office today, by United States Marshal Paul Creswell, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Creswell advised that approximately a week ago he attended a house party in Columbus, Ohio and there met

[REDACTED] is considered very reliable and is well versed in all matters pertaining to the convicts in the Penitentiary. He stated that [REDACTED] requested a private interview with him, during which she informed that she has positive information that CHARLES ARTHUR (Pretty Boy) FLOYD is corresponding with a convict at the Ohio State Penitentiary, who was formerly a close associate of Floyd, and who is now serving a life sentence.

Mr. Creswell stated that [REDACTED] indicated Floyd had sent three or four letters within the past two weeks to this prisoner, whose name Mr. Creswell was unable to recall and that this unknown prisoner answered each of the letters; that the letters appeared to be in some sort of code and that the return address was some town in Texas; the location of which Mr. Creswell was also unable to remember. He stated that [REDACTED] informed that she had reliable information indicating that Floyd was in Columbus approximately two months ago and that the correspondence, although in code, indicates some scheme to effect the release of the unknown prisoners in question.

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b7D Mr. Creswell further stated that [REDACTED] informed him that she had received information from confidential informants within the prison that an attempt will be made to kidnap her and hold her for the release of one Robert Zwick, desperado, and reported friend of Floyd, who is also serving a life sentence in the Penitentiary. However, he advised that Zwick has had no correspondence with Floyd.

Mr. Creswell stated that [REDACTED] informed she had had this information for approximately two weeks, but was in a quandary as to whom the information should be given, as she desired to be absolutely certain that the matter would be kept in the strictest confidence; that he informed [REDACTED] that Mr. Connelley of the Division of Investigation at Cincinnati could be relied upon and that the matter would be discussed with her by an Agent of the Division of Investigation, who would call upon her and state that he had been sent by Mr. Creswell.

b7D This information has been furnished Special Agent H. D. Harris, resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio who will secure all details immediately from [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*Bliss Morton*

BLISS MORTON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1933.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....✓
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....✓
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Keith called from Pittsburgh. He gave the results of the investigation at Toledo and stated that a complete report will be mailed today by Larson. He states that he feels the matter has been well covered; that the information they gained was correct but they haven't located Galatus yet, although they believe that he is in Indianapolis and Cincinnati is covering that at the present time.

Mr. Keith stated that he had received orders to proceed to New York and Boston for additional applicants and wanted to know if there would be any objection to his proceeding by plane this afternoon to Washington to see his family and leave at 12:30 tonight for New York, as arrangements have been made for him to interview applicants at New York tomorrow morning. I told him I saw absolutely no objection to this plan and he stated that he would do this.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*  
V. W. Hughes.

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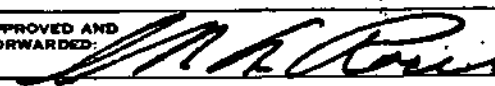
# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY

FILE NO. 62-826

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Alabama</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-9-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/21-26/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. H. Hanson</b>
TITLE: Changed: 0 <b>RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE</b> <b>I. O. #1201,</b> <b>WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases- FUGITIVE,</b> <b>I.O. #191, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Unable to ascertain through records of railway express companies that Pat Gardelle Sturney is receiving funds through that medium at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.			
DETAILS: The investigation set out below is based upon telephonic advice from Special Agent Leon Turrou, who on November 22, 1933, was at Memphis, Tennessee, conducting investigation in this case, during which time he had ascertained from Mrs. Lou Conner that she had been informed by Mrs. Richard Galatas that one of the best means of communication was through the American Railway Express Company, Mrs. Conner at that time indicating that she believed Galatas was perhaps communicating with his stepson, Pat Gardelle Sturney, through that means.			
<u>AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA:</u>			
C. G. Northington, Agent, Railway Express Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised Agent that no records of shipments received in his office are retained in his office more than one day; that at the end of each day these records are forwarded to the District Accounting Office, Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the bills on each shipment are recorded alphabetically according to cities. He stated that although his company handled American Express Travelers Checks, that when he submits his report to the Accounting Office they only check the items listed thereon and forward this record to the main office of the American Express Company, New York City, New York. He stated that he is positive that all items can be traced through this main office in New York. With the assistance of Agent, Mr. Northington searched his entire files of the only records retained in his office, which are items that are held in his office for more than one day, from June 15th to date but no trace could be found of any parcel being received at this office for Pat Sturney.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		62-28915-963 DEC 13 1933 RECORDED AND INDEXED:	
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R. W. Haygood, Agent, Southeastern Express Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, stated that a record of all items and parcels received by his office for delivery in Tuscaloosa was on file with him at the local office, except money orders which will be found at the General Accounting Office, Southeastern Express Company, Atlanta, Georgia. A careful search was made by Mr. Haygood and Agent of the entire files since June 1, 1933, to date but no trace could be found of any article, parcel or item being received at this office for Pat Sturney.

J. M. Donoho, Assistant Cashier, City National Bank, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, exhibited to Agent the ledger sheet of the account of Pat Sturney which sheet disclosed that Pat Sturney maintained an account with this bank up to October 6, 1933, which was the date of the last deposit made by Sturney, such deposit being made in the amount of \$3.50 in cash. The most recent deposit next in order was made on June 8, 1933. Mr. Donoho stated that although Sturney does not maintain an account with his bank at present that in the event he opens an account or cashes any check at this bank he will see to it that the name and address of the maker is made known to the Birmingham Office of this Division.

O. N. Maxwell, Jr., Cashier, First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, after a search of his records, stated that Pat Sturney had no account with his bank since April of 1931, but in the event Sturney cashes any check or money order of any type at his bank he will immediately notify the Birmingham Office of the maker or sender if it is possible to ascertain same.

At the office of the Dean of Men, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, it was ascertained through Mr. Atkins, Secretary, that Pat Sturney was still enrolled at the University and that he is at present living at the home of Barry Nichols, 1006 University Avenue. It was later ascertained that the telephone number of this residence is 2187.

The present address of Pat Sturney was left with Mr. Northington and Mr. Haygood, both of whom stated that they would be on the lookout for any parcel received at their respective office for Pat Sturney and will notify the Birmingham Office immediately of the address and name of the sender of same.

On November 21, 1933, and prior to the receipt of telephonic information from Special Agent Turrou, Special Agent G. N. Lowdon, while at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in connection with other matters, ascertained the following which was done for the purpose of learning if Sturney was still in attendance at the University of Alabama:

On November 21, 1933, Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, Dean of Men, University of Alabama, informed Special Agent Lowdon that Pat Gardelle Sturney, stepson of Richard Tallman Galatas I.O. #1201, was still attending classes at the university, but was behind in his tuition payments and had recently informed him that he was making every effort to remain in school until he could receive further financial assistance from his parents or guardians, at which time he would make full settlement for the tuition which had been advanced him. Dr. Lancaster stated that Sturney expected to receive such assistance in the near future; that he had recently spoken with Sturney but was unable to tactfully question him regarding Galatas; that Sturney was still residing at 1006 University Avenue, and was continuing to do fairly well in school work, apparently showing no knowledge or uneasiness concerning Galatas.

Mr. George E. Besaw, Assistant Postmaster, University, Alabama, upon interview stated that his office was keeping a close watch on all mail going to Sturney and will continue the cover and report any developments to this office. He further stated that all mail for University students comes direct to this Post Office, the sacks being unopened at the main office in Tuscaloosa; that any cover on such mail can only be made at the University Office, and that tracings of any letters received for Sturney will be forwarded to the Birmingham Division Office.

Mr. B. W. Cabell, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Tuscaloosa presented Agent with records of long distance calls which showed that Sturney had made calls on October 15 and 19, and November 1, 1933, to Montgomery, Alabama, exchange number Walnut 1368 M from Tuscaloosa exchange number 1510, the Sigma Chi House. These calls ranged from nine to sixteen minutes. The Montgomery number called is that of Mrs. Myrtle Gibson Duncan, 109 Woodley Terrace, his guardian. Sturney had made numerous calls to the same number from September 10 to October 15, 1933, but no other calls by him from any other number were recorded.

C. L. Campbell, Manager of Western Union, and D. E. Denham, Manager of Postal Telegraph, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, informed Agent that no wires had been received for Sturney during the past month, but that they would continue their observations and report immediately to this office if any developments should occur.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
C. O. Pickard:

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. B. Davis, District Accountant, and with the assistance of Mr. F. W. Seepe, Chief Record Clerk, Railway Express

Agency, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Agent has searched the records of said company from August 1, 1933, to November 22, 1933, inclusive, same constituting some 50,000 express slips, but the search fails to reflect any shipments having been received at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, or Montgomery, Alabama, by the persons or at the addresses named in your memorandum of November 23, 1933. Care was taken to observe addresses as well as names in making the examination of the records.

Agent did note that on October 10, 1933, a trunk was expressed to one J. L. Seedbury, or Sudbury, 1006 University Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from Mrs. J. G. Sudbury, or Seedbury, Blytheville, Arkansas. The trunk was described as weighing 196 pounds, and was sealed and locked. Same was signed for by Lillie Knott, who might possibly be a servant in the Nichols household. The date and nature of the above shipment leads Agent to believe that Sudbury is probably another student who rooms at Mrs. Nichols' home, and that his mother sent him his trunk toward the beginning of the scholastic year at the University of Alabama.

Special Agent W. T. Morton, who accompanied the United States Marshal at Memphis, Tennessee, when the latter was removing Lou Conner from Memphis, Tennessee, to Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of September 25, 1933, heard Mrs. Conner speak generally of the fact that she and her husband E. B. Conner, now deceased, had operated road houses, night clubs, and gambling accommodations in different parts of the United States. She mentioned that in 1923 she owned and operated the Crystal Hotel in El Dorado, Texas, and that prior to that time she and her husband had operated two road houses near San Antonio, one of which was known as "Chicken Farm". While running the other road house, the name of which was not obtained, Mrs. Conner mentioned that the place had been raided by the Texas Rangers when she and her husband were arrested along with about one hundred guests, some whiskey having been found on the premises. She mentioned that immediately after the arrest martial law had been declared in that vicinity by the Governor. Mrs. Conner also mentioned at this time that on the day the telephone calls are alleged to have been made from her home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, after Nash's arrest, she recalled that she had been playing golf during the day and that during that evening she had been out in company with the United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City will conduct an appropriate investigation at the American Railway Express Company endeavoring to trace any checks that may have been received by Pat Gardelle Sturney, alias Pat Sturney, alias Bill Sturney, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, ascertaining the name and address of the sender of same.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will ascertain if Sturney has shipped any packages by the railway express agency of the South-



eastern railway express company, it being understood that the forwarding offices maintain copies of the records covering all outgoing express packages.

At the local telephone company will contact Mr. Catell, Manager, ascertaining if Sturney has received or sent any telephone messages through telephone 2187, which is the number of the residence in which he is now located.

At the University of Alabama through Dean Dabney Lancaster will ascertain if Sturney has paid his tuition; also ascertain if the Dean through the school records has obtained any information concerning Galatas having been in contact with Sturney. Also conduct appropriate investigation and ascertain if one J. L. Seedbury or Sudbury is residing at 1006 University Avenue or whether it was Sturney who received the trunk mentioned in the details of this report, the information concerning which was secured by Special Agent C. O. Pickard from the railway express company at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

At Northport and Holt, Alabama, both of which are small cities adjacent to Tuscaloosa and both of which have railway facilities, will ascertain if Sturney has been receiving any express packages, or if he has forwarded any express packages through these two places.

At Atlanta, Georgia, will contact the General Accounting Office of the Southeastern Express Company endeavoring to ascertain if any checks, money orders or express packages have been received through the medium of that company by Pat Gardelle Sturney at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, securing full information in connection therewith.

At Montgomery, Alabama, will contact [REDACTED] 67D [REDACTED] also a waiter named Charlie who is employed at the Elite Cafe on Montgomery Street, Montgomery, Alabama. A letter from the Dallas Office dated November 25, 1933, indicates that these persons had informed former Prohibition Agent in Charge at Montgomery, Alabama, Mr. J. M. Shields, that these people are acquainted with Galatas.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at San Antonio, Texas, will ascertain if Mrs. Lou Conner has a police record in that city, it being noted from the details of the above that she was supposed to have been arrested while operating a road house in the vicinity of San Antonio sometime prior to 1928.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1933.

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Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Oliver advised me that the telephone number called by night clerk Ryan is his correct number. He lives in an apartment house and it has one 'phone with extensions on two additional floors. Apparently someone answered the 'phone on the first floor when Ryan called and gave erroneous information. Agent Oliver states that he will look further into the matter and cannot understand why the call did not come through the first time because Agent Kelliher's call did reach him a few minutes after the first call. Agent Oliver stated he would take steps immediately to see that he is notified in the event of any further calls.

With regard to the subject matter of the call, I might state that Agent Schoales, of Roanoke, after being notified by Agent Kelliher, contacted E. O. Murphy, Sergeant of Police at Lynchburg, early this morning and talked with the woman who had been robbed and a further check of the information which she possessed revealed that the man who had robbed her, incidentally in a sporting house, was a number of inches taller than Floyd and the general description does not fit Floyd.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

December 7, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At 2:40 A. M. December 7, 1933 a telegram was received from E. O. Murphy, Sargent of Police, of Lynchburg, Virginia stating that a woman, a victim of a \$1000. jewelry robbery at Lynchburg, Va., had identified from photographs and detailed description Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, as one of three who robbed her.

E. O. Murphy, Sargent of Police, advised that Investigators be sent at once so I called Mr. Hughes who referred me to Mr. Oliver. I called the telephone number listed for Mr. Oliver (North 9105) and the party answering the phone informed me that no one by the name of Oliver lived there. I then called information and asked for the telephone number listed at 2034 20th. St. N. W. and I was given the same number, that is North 9105. I called North 9105 again to be sure, and asked for Mr. Oliver. The same party answered the phone as before and repeated that no one by the name of Oliver lived there. I then asked if the number I was calling was an apartment house and was informed that it was a private home. Being unable to locate Mr. Oliver I called Mr. Kelliher and gave him the information listed above. Mr. Kelliher stated he would contact Agent Joe E. Schoales, Resident Agent at Roanoke, Va., and turn the matter over to him.

Respectfully,

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J. J. Ryan

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*Find out why we  
have the wrong number  
for Oliver.*

*12/7/33*

*J. C. H.*

*Memo to Director  
12/7/33*

*12/7/33*

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

WOMAN VICTIM OF THOUSAND DOLLAR JEWELRY ROBBERY HERE HAS IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD AS ONE OF THE THREE WHO ROBBED HER ADVISE SEND INVESTIGATORS AT ONCE=

E. O. MURPHY SGT POLICE

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**CHICAGO** FILE NO. **62-1649**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/11/33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/23-11/25/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. P. GUINANE - AB</b>
Title Changed: <b>VERNON C. MILLER</b> , aliases: <b>Verne C. Miller, V. C. Moore, Vincent C. Moore, V. C. White, V. C. Mason, V. C. Manion, S. J. Gross, Frederick C. Glaubach, T. C. Hayes, T. C. Hays, I. D. 1198;</b> <b>HERBERT ALLEN FARMER</b> , aliases: <b>Hert Farmer, Herbert Black, H. A. Patton, W. H. Williams, W. H. Baker, Harry J. Garner,</b> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Harry Allen Farmer, William Hilary Baker; MRS. ESTHER FARMER; MRS. FRANCES NASH</b> , aliases: <b>Mrs. Frances Miller, Mrs. Frances Harrison, Mrs. George W. Miller, Frances Mikulich Miller; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS</b> , aliases: <b>Dick Galatas, Richard F. Galatas, Dick Gladis, Writahard, Sheridan, Dick Sheridan - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER</b> , aliases: <b>Mrs. Louise Conner, Lou Conner, Mary Conner; ROBERT C. BRADY</b> , aliases: <b>Bob Brady, Pat Brady, J. H. Taylor, Bob Ross - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY</b> , aliases: <b>J. J. Dorennon, John Brown, J. J. Black, J. H. Bloom, - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1189; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (In-                  endeavor to deliver Federal                  Prisoner Frank Nash)</b>
DETAILS: Vivian Mathias located at Sherone Apartments, Chicago, visited by Verne Miller on 10/31/33. Miller escaped when attempt made to take him into custody on 11/1/33. Miller abandoned Ford coupe carrying New York license plates No. 8-L-1489, same containing baggage and other personal belongings, identified by marks as clothing of Miller's. Vivian Mathias and Bobbie Moore indicted for harboring and concealing Miller. On 11/29/33 in U. S. District Court, Chicago, Ill. both women entered pleas of guilty, as charged, and both were sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in the Federal Prison for Women at Alderson, W. Va. All leads regarding Miller disregarded this district due to death of Miller at Detroit, Mich. on 11/30/33. REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. P. Keating, Chicago, 9/23/33.			
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This is a joint report of Special Agents J. J. Keating

A short time after the Kansas City massacre a confidential informant of the Chicago office, who was formerly an associate of Vernon C. Miller, advised Special Agent Keating that one Bobbie Moore, a night club hostess, was a friend of Miller and of Vivian Mathias, and that Bobbie Moore was presently residing at the Sherone Apartments located at 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Keating contacted Mr. George H. Dubin, 127 North Dearborn Street, Receiver in charge of the Sherone Apartments, and Max L. Batt, Attorney for the Receiver, who has offices with Mr. Dubin. Information had been previously obtained by agent Keating that these gentlemen are thoroughly reliable and could be depended upon. These gentlemen made arrangements with the manager of the Sherone Apartments, Mrs. Pollachek, to come down to their office for the purpose of viewing photographs of Vivian Mathias and of Vernon Miller.

On October 28, 1933, Mrs. Pollachek was interviewed by agents Keating and Guinane at the office of Mr. Dubin, and was questioned relative to friends of Bobbie Moore. She stated that about six weeks previous to the interview parties known as Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hays had registered at the Sherone Apartments and were assigned to Apartment 803, with the understanding that they were to be moved to Apartment 211, when same was vacated. She stated that she had not rented the apartment to Mrs. Hays personally; that this transaction was handled by Mrs. James Bidderman, Assistant Manager, and by Bobbie Moore, a friend of Mrs. Hays, who lived in the apartment. When shown a photograph of Vivian Mathias, she identified same as being a photograph of the woman known to her as Mrs. C. T. Hays. The snapshot photograph of Vivian Mathias was also identified by George H. Dubin as being a picture of the party known as Mrs. C. T. Hays. Information was given by Mrs. Pollachek at this time that none of the other employees in the Sherone Apartments could be trusted with any information, as most of them were friends of Bobbie Moore and relatives of the Bidderman family, and that Bobbie Moore had been living with Lawrence Bidderman for some time, and that any steps taken to keep a surveillance on Vivian Mathias at the apartment would of necessity have to be done carefully or Bobbie Moore would find out about it and of course would advise Vivian Mathias.

Arrangements were made with Mrs. Pollachek to rent Apartment 214 in the Sherone Apartments, which was the only apartment available on the second floor, and on October 29, 1933, Special Agent J. L. Madala and his wife checked into the Sherone Apartments and arrangements were also made at this time for Special Agent L. D. Nichols to place a cover on the telephone in Apartment 211, occupied by Vivian Mathias.

On October 31, 1933, at about 8:20 P. M., agent Madala saw a party on the second floor of the Sherone Apartments who answered the physical description of Verne Miller, but who wore glasses and who also had a heavy brown mustache with brown hair. Upon receipt of this information, a number of Special Agents of the Chicago office, together with two police squads of the Chicago Police attached to the Chicago Division office, proceeded to the Sherone Apartments and took up a surveillance of Apartment 211 from all sides, and also covered the two entrances to the Sherone Apartments.

The following morning, November 1, 1933, a number of complaints were made by people in the neighborhood and also from residents in the Sherone Apartments to the effect that suspicious men were seen loitering in cars during the night, and it therefore became necessary to place the police squads in other apartments in another building overlooking Apartment 211 in the Sherone Apartments. Agent Madala first noted the person answering Miller's description when he was greeted by Bobbie Moore on the second floor of the apartment, at which time Bobbie Moore excitedly called to Vivian that "He's here", and at once took this party to her apartment, namely No. 101 in the Sherone Apartments. This party was later observed by Madala in Apartment 211, which was approximately 7:00 P. M. on the night of October 31, 1933. A short time thereafter Special Agents Jay C. Newman and W. A. Smith, together with Police Officers Starr and Garvey, noticed a woman whom they later identified as Bobbie Moore approach a Ford Coupe and take therefrom a heavy valise and carry same into the Sherone Apartments. Agent Madala also observed Bobbie Moore carrying this valise into Apartment 211. Agent Newman noted that the license plates on this Ford Coupe were 1933 New York plates No. 6-L-1469. Agents Newman, Smith and the officers observed Bobbie Moore, on the night of October 31st, return to the Ford Coupe and drive same away from the Sherone Apartments. Agent Newman later located this car in a parking lot on the corner of Sheridan Road and Salt Avenue, directly opposite the Sherone Apartments.

When information was obtained that a party answering Miller's description had arrived at the Sherone Apartments, Mrs. Doris Rogers, a stenographer in the Chicago office, who was previously a resident of Huron, South Dakota, and who personally knew Verne Miller at Huron, was taken to the Sherone Apartments and placed in a position in Apartment 214 from which the

entrance to Apartment 211 could be observed, for the purpose of determining whether the party who was in Apartment 211 was Verne Miller. Under instructions of the Division, Special Agent E. H. Notesteen came to Chicago from the St. Paul office on the morning of November 1, 1933, and was also placed in Apartment 214 for the purpose of viewing the party and to determine whether he was Verne Miller. Agent Notesteen was also personally acquainted with Verne Miller, having come from Huron, South Dakota.

On the afternoon of November 1, 1933, Special Agent J. T. Hartin, together with Police Officer Donovan, had an expert make a key for the Ford Coupe carrying New York license plates 8-L-1459, and gained access to same on the parking lot, but only a cursory examination of the contents was possible, as Bobbie Moore was seen to come out of the Sharone Apartments on two or three occasions, apparently to determine if anyone was loitering around the apartment house, the Ford Coupe being in full view of Vivian Mathias' apartment. Agent Hartin, in the quick examination, did not find anything which would identify the owner of the car.

As soon as the Ford Coupe was identified as having been connected with Bobbie Moore and the party visiting Vivian Mathias, the New York City office was telephoned to obtain information on the license plates. On November 1, 1933, Special Agent L. G. Turrou of the New York City office telephoned information that New York license plates No. 8-L-1459 were purchased by a party who gave the name of Frederick P. Glaubach, who gave a Bronx address, and that same had been purchased from the Klang Motor Sales Co., 1035 Coney Island Avenue on October 22, 1933; that Glaubach stated he was 34 years of age and that he had obtained no operator's or chauffeur's license in New York. Agent Turrou further advised that the description of the man who purchased the car answered the description of Miller, but that the salesman who sold the car could not identify a photograph of Miller as being the purchaser.

Surveillance was maintained on Apartment 211 by several agents and officers from approximately 6:00 P. M. on October 31, 1933 to 8:30 P. M. on November 1, 1933, at which time Vivian Mathias and a man emerged from Apartment 211. This party was viewed by Mrs. Rogers and by Special Agent Notesteen from a service window in Apartment 211. Arrangements had been made for agent Notesteen to give a signal if he definitely identified the party as Miller. Because of the condition of the light in the corridor and the further fact of the disguise worn by the party, Notesteen was not able to determine positively that the party was Miller until he reached the door of Apartment 214, at which time Notesteen gave a signal that the party who had come out of Apartment 211 was Verne Miller. The agents and police officers waiting inside the door

of Apartment 214 immediately rushed out, but Miller had run around the corner and down the stairs. He was immediately followed by the officers and agents, but due to the fact that some guests in the lobby were in the range of fire, it was not possible to shoot. Miller ran out the Galt Avenue entrance of the apartment and jumped in an Auburn convertible coupe which had been driven there a few minutes before by Bobbie Moore, the engine running. Special Agent L. D. Nichols and G. W. Kempster, Sergeant, Illinois State Police, saw Miller in the coupe and agent Nichols commanded the car to halt, at which time Miller pulled an automatic from his pocket and fired two or three shots directly at agent Nichols, Nichols returning the fire with his revolver. Officer Kempster had a machine gun levelled on Miller on two occasions but was forced to hold his fire because of pedestrians coming directly in front of the machine gun. Bobbie Moore drove the Auburn rapidly away, at which time Kempster fired approximately twenty shots from the sub-Thompson at the car, seven of these shots penetrating the car but none apparently hitting either Bobbie Moore or Verne Miller, although a few of the shots went directly through the car in about a position of the head or neck of both occupants. The car continued down the street and was found abandoned about fifteen minutes later, approximately six blocks from the Sherone Apartments. Information obtained from spectators indicated that the car had been driven to a blind end of Buena Vista Terrace, where Miller jumped out of the car and vaulted a fence leading to the back yard of apartment houses, and made his way in the direction of Clarendon Road.

The writer immediately telephoned a police alarm and had a radio broadcast made of the escape of Miller, his description, the description of Bobbie Moore and the Auburn coupe. Police squads canvassed every apartment house, hotel, hospital and other places in the vicinity of the escape, but no information was obtained as to the further whereabouts of Miller. At the time that Miller ran down the stairs of the Sherone Apartments, agents were stationed in a car with a machine gun at the Galt Avenue entrance, from which Miller emerged, but were not positive of the identity of Miller when he got into the car of Bobbie Moore and therefore they did not fire. The agent who had been stationed at the bottom of the stairway had gone outside to deliver a message to the two agents stationed outside that it was expected that Miller might emerge from Apartment 211.

Vivian Mathias was taken into custody and was questioned all night long at the Chicago Division office and admitted to agent Keating and the writer that the party in her apartment was Verne Miller, who was wanted in connection with the Kansas City killings, but she absolutely refused to give any further information concerning Miller or herself and maintained that her name was Clare Hayes.



Immediately after the escape, agents were assembled at the Chicago Division office, with police officers, and the following places were noted, in which there was a possibility Miller would hide out:

Residence of Lillian Holden, 6957 South Hermitage Avenue.  
Donmoor Apartments, 921 Eastwood Avenue.  
Park Lane, 2800 Lake Shore Drive (home of Mack Leavitt, friend of Bobbie Moore and Vivian Mathias and Miller).  
Annetta Hotel, Cicero, Illinois.  
Riverview Restaurant, 8405 - 22d Street.  
O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois.  
Chatfield Apartments.  
Lincoln Park Arms Hotel.

All of the above places were investigated thoroughly by agents accompanied by police officers, but no information of value was obtained.

Special Agent W. Carter Baum, with a police squad, went to the apartment of Frank Hayes at 2000 Indiana Avenue. The men were stationed about this apartment armed with shotguns and agent Baum and four officers proceeded into the apartment. Hayes was taking in roomers at this address and had several roomers there that night. An inspection of the premises, however, failed to reveal that Subject Miller was anywhere in that apartment.

Hayes was questioned and denied he knew Verne Miller. He denied that he knew Harvey Bailey by that name or by any other name. He admitted he was acquainted with Ed. Bentz but said he did not know that Bentz was wanted for bank robbery or that Bentz was a criminal. He said he believed Ed. Bentz was in Chicago, although he had not heard from Bentz for some time. Hayes also stated that he was acquainted with Big Homer, and indicated that Homer was this party's first name. He described Big Homer as being about 6'2" tall, weighing about 250 lb. and as having formerly been a bartender in Cicero, Illinois. He said he believed that Big Homer was now living in Cicero, Illinois, although he denied he ever heard that Big Homer was connected with any illegal activities. It seems possible, from talking with Hayes and from subsequent conversations that Big Homer and Ed. Bentz may be one and the same party. In addition, Hayes admitted that he knew Arthur Johnson alias Red Price. Hayes denied that he was acquainted with Keating and Holden. The names of Zeigler and of Stevens mentioned by Arthur Johnson were not mentioned to Frank Hayes.



Hayes was questioned in regard to the fact that he had an unpublished telephone, and Hayes denied that he had such a telephone. It was easily seen, however, that Frank Hayes was very subtle and could not be easily trapped or confused. He denied that he had received a telephone call from Ed. Bentz from California or a telephone call from Kathryn Kelly from Texas, or that he would be able to give anyone the location of Ed. Bentz or any of the men mentioned by agent. It is believed advisable that this individual should be questioned further at a later date, since if broken down, he could undoubtedly give extremely valuable information about this gang and it is extremely unlikely that his assertions are true, namely that he does not know Verne Miller.

Agent and squad then called in the vicinity of the address, 1234 West Madison Street, which is a cigar store and which is supposed to be operated by one James Stevens alias Gus, mentioned by Arthur Johnson. This shop was closed at that time in the morning, although there were lights burning in the room immediately above the cigar shop, which is in a small, cheap hotel on the floors above the cigar shop and entered from the address, 1236 West Madison Street.

Due to the fact that it was not known at that time whether or not Verne Miller and Bobbie Moore were wounded, and since Arthur Johnson had been placed in the Jefferson Park Hospital under an alias by Dr. Omens, it was deemed advisable to check the Jefferson Park Hospital. In consequence, agent Baum and squad proceeded to the Jefferson Park Hospital at 1406 West Monroe Street, arriving at this location about 5:00 A. M., November 2, 1933. The night superintendent was aroused, and the admittance register examined, which showed that the last admittance to the hospital was at 6:30 P. M., November 1, 1933. Miss C. M. Utescher was the night supervisor who was interviewed at this hospital.

In view of the fact that it was thought probable that Subject Miller might seek medical aid if injured, agent and this squad called at the residence of Dr. Omens, which is also his office, at 1211 Independence Boulevard. Dr. Omens was unable to recall having any patient who appeared to be similar to Verne and Vi at first, but upon being told the name of Vi, he said that he remembered treating her about one or two years ago for a case of influenza. He said at that time Vi had lived in Oak Park, Illinois, and that she had lived on a street directly opposite the elevated, and that the apartment building in which she lived, although he could not remember the number, had been distinctive. This building, he said, was the only large apartment house in the block in question, and that it was entered through a large court. He said that he had seen Vi's husband

but could not recognize this man as Verne, but that he felt sure this picture was undoubtedly of the Vi whom he treated. He said in addition a short time later he had placed this woman in the Jefferson Park Hospital under a name which he did not remember, since he could not remember the last name which she had used, where she had been treated for some infection in her tubes. He was unable to recall the exact trouble but did not think that the infection was of a venereal origin. It might be noted at this point that Dr. Omens makes a specialty of venereal diseases, although he also acts as a general practitioner. Dr. Omens said that this crowd had not been coming to him lately, and that he believed the coolness had occurred due to the fact that he had given testimony for the Government and the State in several important cases.

Dr. Omens was questioned as to the name of the party who referred Vi to him, and he said that to the best of his knowledge, the party who referred Vi to him was none other than the wife of Gus Winkler.

Dr. Omens could not remember the name of any Capone gangster named Zeigler who had been closely associated with Verne or whom he had treated.

Dr. Omens was shown the picture of Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, and he admitted that he had treated a man by the name of Cameron in the Jefferson Park Hospital in 1931. He did not recognize this picture, however, at first, but finally said he believed it was identical with the individual, and that the reason he had not been able to identify it at first was due to the fact that the picture seemed to show exceptionally gray hair at the temples. This apparently was not characteristic of Johnson at the time he operated in and about Chicago.

Dr. Omens was asked if he were acquainted with any other doctor in Chicago who might be attending these people at this time. Dr. Omens said that while he had no positive information, it had been reported to him that Dr. Jean Chesrow, office, 1001 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, home 3240 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, was now being used as a physician by the persons connected with the Capone outfit.

Agent Baum, after returning to the Chicago Division office, had another squad assigned to him, which was led by Sergeant Michael McFadden. This squad was used principally in the checking of the various telephone numbers called from the Hayes apartment, that is, Vi Miller's apartment, No. 211, 4423 Sheridan Road, prior to the time that the telephone conversations to this apartment were tapped. A list of these numbers is as follows:

Telephone NumberName and Address to Whom Assigned

Rav. 6333

Peter Pan Beauty Salon, 4434 Sheridan Rd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Buc. 6711

Rosemoor Apartments, 4322 Kenmore Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Buc. 7561

Leland Smoke Shop, 4350 Broadway Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Buc. 2135

Lakeview Village, 3617 Broadway Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Lin. 5607

Taubers Auburn & Car Co., 5778 Broadway  
Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Lin. 1171

Chas. Shannon, 4639 Broadway Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Graceland 6436

No. Halsted St. Grill, 3551 W. Halsted St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sunnyside 6608

O'Connor & Goldberg, 4616 Sheridan Road,  
Chicago, Ill.

Moh. 3460

Clayton Hotel, 2026 N. Clark St., Chicago,  
Ill.

Adg. 2190

Abs Snyder, 944 Montrose Ave., Apt. 311,  
Chicago, Ill.

Moh. 3102

Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, 2738 N. Pine Grove  
Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Whi. 5700

14 W. Elm St. Apts., 14 W. Elm St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Diversey 2216 - No such number.

The first call was made at the address, 944 Montrose Avenue, Apartment 311, which turned out to be a speakeasy or such as is commonly known as a beer flat. Joe Herold said he was merely a bartender at this place and indicated that the place was owned by the persons who operated the building. He denied that he knew anything about the shooting and said that about three weeks prior to that time he had delivered six bottles of beer to Apartment 211 in the Sherone Apartments after a telephonic request. He also said that about 5:00 P. M. on November 1, 1935, one Larry had come into his shop and had taken a drink and stated that his car had been wrecked and he had asked to borrow Herold's car. He said that this Larry had been a fairly frequent customer, but he said he did not know this man's last name. He said Larry had called again that morning and had asked to borrow Herold's car but had been refused. He was questioned about the time this Larry's car was supposed to have been wrecked, and he insisted that the hour was about 5:00 P. M. This fact made it appear that this was not Larry Bidderman and in consequence further investigation along this line was not made at

that time, but a later investigation by Special Agent John L. Madala has indicated this was in fact Larry Bidderman, and that Herold was incorrect as to the hour, since it was about 9:00 P. M. when Larry came to that place for a drink. It is also noted that the telephone is listed in the name of Abe Snyder, who Herold said did not exist, but which name was later discovered to be an alias for Edward Siegel. Herold said that when he called at Apartment 211 to deliver the post, he had seen two women in the apartment but no man, and he indicated that he had not seen either of these women recently.

Agent Baum then called at the address, 4322 Kenmore Avenue, and talked to the manager, Mrs. Nielsen, and her husband. It was evident that Mrs. Nielsen was very anxious to help, but although she identified the picture of Vi as having been a caller at numerous apartments, it was apparent that she was not familiar with this girl. She said she had formerly had a tenant by the name of Pat Furnace, and it was thought possible that this tenant might have been Pat Flaherty, a supposed friend of Subject Miller. She suggested that it was possible that Vi had called on the Kennedy girls, whose names are Hester and Charlotte, but who had moved away about ten days before to 840 Montrose.

A check at 840 Montrose, through Miss Alta Rennts, manager, developed that one of these girls worked in a nearby restaurant, several doors from the apartment, where Miss Kennedy was interviewed, and where it was established that she apparently had no connection whatever with Vi. It was later determined, through an interview with Larry Bidderman, that a girl friend of Bobbie Moore's daughter, about 15 or 16 years of age, lived at the Rosemoor Apartments, and it was probable that this call was placed by Bobbie Moore's girl from Vi's apartment to this girl friend. It will be noted at this point that Bobbie Moore admitted that she had made numerous calls from Vi's apartment, but that the understanding had been that these calls would be charged to her account when her voice was heard on the telephone. This apparently was not done in all instances.

A call was then made at the office of Dr. Charles Shannon, a woman specialist, at 4639 Broadway. After an examination of his records, he said that he was not acquainted with either Bobbie Moore or Vi, but said that he had associates who used the same telephone, namely a dentist and a foot specialist. The dentist was interviewed but he said he did not recognize the pictures. The foot specialist was out but it was later learned that this doctor, Dr. J. M. Kohl, had treated Bobbie Moore's feet, and this call was very likely in that regard.

A call was next made at Tauber's Auburn and Car Company, where Mr. H. R. Tauber was interviewed. The records at that place showed that one W. A. Williams, who later gave the name, J. H. Williams and the address, 4423 Sheridan Road, Apartment 414, had called at that place on



September 28, 1933, to have an Auburn repaired, and had obtained it on October 6, 1933, paying \$55.65. He later, on October 11, 1933, had the car repaired and obtained it on October 12, 1933, paying \$7.95. He said that this party answered the description of Subject Verne Miller. It was later developed, however, through interview with Larry Bidderman, that he was in fact the person who had carried this car to that garage, and from the actions of the man as described by Mr. Tauber, it is apparent that in fact Bidderman was the individual who carried this car to that garage. In any event, agent warned Mr. Tauber to immediately notify the Chicago Division office if Subject Miller should call at that place.

Agent then called at the Clayton Hotel, 2026 North Clark Street, in an effort to learn why that place was called from the Sherone Apartments by Vi or Bobbie. The manager at that hotel was interviewed, and he said that he could not recognize the pictures of Vi and Verne. The room clerk also was unable to identify these pictures. The telephone operator was interrogated in regard to her knowledge of anyone at the hotel calling the number, Longbeach 0800, and it developed that she remembered this number well, since one Pat Rollins had practically daily called this number. Pat Rollins had occupied Room 451 at this hotel but had left on Saturday, October 28, 1933, for California. Rollins was supposed to have a brother living in Chicago who owned several race horses. Pat Rollins had been at that hotel, the manager said, on and off all summer. This brother's telephone number, he said, was Whitehall 5700. The manager then remembered that Rollins had told him that he had met a blonde at the race track who was in the habit of laying large bets on the races, often as much as \$50.00 across the board. He said that Rollins had apparently become highly interested in this woman, and he thought it was this woman whom Rollins had been calling. The manager also said that Rollins' brother formerly had lived at the La Salle Hotel but had moved into a furnished apartment at some other address.

Agent Baum and this squad called at 14 West Elm Street Apartments, where Mr. C. Roglen, the day clerk, and Mrs. M. Hallen, the telephone operator, were unable to identify the pictures of Verne and Vi, and where a later examination of the telephone calls failed to reveal any party in the building calling Lakeview 0800 several days prior to November 1, 1933. It will be noted, however, that Pat Rollins called on Vi under her name, Clara Hays, at the Sherone Apartments, so Bobbie Moore told agent, and in consequence it is very likely that this call was made by him to his brother or made by Vi to Rollins' brother in an effort to locate this man.

No inquiry was made at 14 West Elm Street in regard to a Mr. Rollins, although the manager of the Clayton Hotel had stated that Pat Rollins' present address in the West could very likely be obtained through his brother. An interview with this man and an interview with Pat Rollins may be deemed advisable and undeveloped leads to this effect will be included if thought proper.



On November 2, 1933, agent Baum called a number of the Special Agents of the various railroads, asking them to advise all of their employees to be on the look-out for Subject Verne Miller attempting to leave Chicago, Illinois by rail. After communicating, however, with Mr. H. G. Clabaugh, Special Agent for a number of railroads, and president of the Chicago Railway Special Agents and Police Association, agent was advised that Mr. Clabaugh would take care of circularizing the various stations in Chicago with a description of Verne Miller in order that this party could be watched for by the various railroad police and Special Agents.

In view of the fact that Bobbie Moore's daughter indicated that Bobbie Moore had a deposit box in the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, through the permission of Mr. J. W. Morton, Assistant Cashier of the corporation which controls the safety deposit boxes at that bank, an examination was made of the records under the name and aliases of Bobbie Moore, and it was discovered that there was one box in the name of Martha and James Williams. It will be noted that Miss Moore's given name was Martha. Further investigation disclosed that the address listed was 921 Eastwood Avenue, which is in fact the Dornoor Hotel, where Bobbie Moore and her husband, Jack Harris alias Williams, lived prior to his demise in New York City. Examination of the application for the box showed that the address had been altered from 921 Eastwood Avenue to 4423 Sheridan Road, the Sherone Apartments. This application was dated February 4, 1928, but it did not indicate the original renting of the box, since this application referred to application No. 5318. It was not thought necessary, however, to go back past the year 1928. This application showed that prior to living at 921 Eastwood Avenue, Martha and James Williams had lived at 1039 Hollywood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The box held by this couple was No. 2319. The box apparently had been engaged by Bobbie and she listed her father's name as Elmer and her mother's name as Alma; her birth place as Kentucky. Examination of the record of entries to this box indicated that Miss Moore had entered the box about once each month until the last entry, which was March 31, 1933. James Williams in this application had given his occupation as a concession dealer in New York City.

Through Mr. Biebel, Assistant Auditor, Uptown State Bank, and upon authority of Mr. E. T. Kurzdorfer, Assistant Cashier, the open and closed commercial and savings accounts of this institution were examined, but no account was discovered under the names or aliases of Miss Moore at any of the addresses mentioned.

Arrangements were made through Mr. Morton that if Miss Moore called to enter this box, this office should be immediately notified, and that her entrance to the box should be delayed in order that she could be apprehended. Mr. Morton also said that since the bank had never been notified of the death of James Williams, it would have a legal right to refuse entry to the box for a short time, and that in this way agents for Miss Moore would not be allowed to enter if a call should be made by any agent carrying an authorization to enter the box. Mr. Morton was informed that in all likelihood a court order would be obtained in order that the contents of this box could be examined. This information was given to Special Agent E. P. Guinane, who had handled this matter with the United States Attorney's office in order that he could take appropriate steps for the issuance of the proper subpoena to have this box opened.

Agent Baum also determined that Mr. C. M. Ellis, a former manager at the Oak Park Arms Hotel and later at the Graemere Hotel, had left the Graemere and was now in charge of the Terre Haute House at Terre Haute, Indiana. This information was secured from Mr. A. E. Adamsen, day clerk at the Graemere Hotel, who was discharged by Mr. Ellis in the spring of this year. It appears that Ellis was the manager at the Oak Park Arms when Verne Miller is supposed to have stayed there, and was also the manager in the spring of 1933 at the Graemere Hotel when a confidential informant of the Chicago Division office said that Miller had stayed at that hotel. In consequence, a letter was directed to the Cincinnati Division office, suggesting that appropriate under-cover investigation be conducted in and around the Terre Haute House, with a view to the location of Subject Miller if he should put in his appearance at this place, since it might be possible that Miller and Ellis are friendly.

A telephone call was received by the Chicago Division office from Captain Bowman, Niles Center, Illinois, who indicated he had information concerning the location of Miller.

Captain Bowman was located at his home in Niles Center by Special Agent J. T. Hartin, Sergeant O. W. Kempster and agent Baum, at which time he stated that Miller had been seen on the night of October 28, 1933, that is, Saturday night, in a beer tavern operated by Charles Lauder in Niles Center. He said this party was seen in conversation with Leslie Kruse, who lives in Niles Center, and who is supposed to have been mixed up in the liquor business to some extent. Captain Robert Bowman's address is 4911 Louise Avenue, first floor, in the court entrance. Captain Bowman said that Kruse lives at 5208 Oakton Street, Niles Center, Illinois, and that he had made efforts all that day to locate Kruse but had been unable to do so. He said the reason it was known that Miller had been in Niles Center was that a boy selling papers on the corner had a mania for taking

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down license numbers, and that he had taken down the license number of the Auburn car which corresponded to that published in the paper. It was later developed, through an interview, that Verne Miller was not the party referred to, since Larry Ridderman admitted to agent that he had visited Niles Center, Illinois, with relatives on that evening and had driven this Auburn coupe.

Agent Baum and the squad led by Sergeant Frank Freemuth called at the Burton Hotel, 1429 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. A telephone call had been received by the Chicago Division office to the effect that a man and a woman had checked into the Burton Hotel on November 1, 1933, and since that time had not emerged from the room but had had meals sent up to them. Mr. W. L. Rogers, clerk at this hotel, said that 411 was occupied by two young ladies, Mrs. Cochran and Miss Young, who had been living in that hotel for the last two years and who worked as waitresses in the Schiller Restaurant. He said he was not acquainted with any party who resembled Miller who had taken a room in the hotel, nor did he know of any couple who acted suspiciously.

Miss Young was interviewed in Room 411, where she was found with a girl companion, and it was evident that she had no connection with this matter.

A call was next made at the cigar store at 1234 West Madison Street, previously referred to, and it was discovered that this cigar store was operated by one Green, and that a small pool parlor is in the rear. Sergeant Frank Freemuth, in charge of the squad accompanying agent Baum, said he remembered Green as having operated this cigar store a good many years ago when Freemuth covered a beat in that neighborhood. Green said that he and his brother have been at this location for the last sixteen years. He denied he knew anyone named James or Gus Stevens. While Joseph Green did not appear identical with the description of Stevens, his brother, whose full name was not learned, did answer somewhat the description of the man described by Arthur Johnson as Gus Stevens. It is probable that since a number of suspicious characters were noticed loitering about, a further investigation at this address might reveal additional information.

A call was made at the corner of Madison and Scoville Avenue by agent Baum and the squad, which was the supposed address of "Shotgun" Zeigler, named by Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, who stated this man lived on the third floor. An examination of the apartment near the Northeast corner on Madison Street and of the apartment just North of the corner on Scoville Avenue, was made but no one named Zeigler was noted in either of these buildings. The janitors of the buildings were not in and

in consequence further investigation was not made at that time. It would be advisable at some future date to make a further inquiry through the janitors of these buildings, and to also make inquiries through the Post Office Department, in order to learn if a party named Zeigler had lived in that locality.

Additional inquiry was later made in connection with the telephone calls made by Vi from her apartment.

Agent called at the Leland Smoke Shop, 4350 Broadway, which is a gambling house and which also has a room in the rear of this address up a flight of stairs over a sort of warehouse facing the alley in the back. Both of these gambling rooms were inspected by agent, and it did not appear that Subject Miller was in that spot. The various parties seen there, the manager not being present, said that from accounts in the paper they had recognized Bobbie Moore as a woman who came to that place from time to time and placed bets on the horses for Larry Bidderman's mother. This fact was corroborated by Larry Bidderman in a prior interview, who said that he did not go to this book making joint but that he believed Bobbie had gone there to place bets on the horses for his mother.

It will be noted at this time that the North Halsted Street Grill, 3551 North Halsted Street, is a tavern operated by Kink O'Shea, who lives in the Sherene Apartments, and whose wife took Bobbie Moore's two children after she became a fugitive. It is to this tavern that Bobbie went, following the shooting and after she had met Larry Bidderman. Agent Baum made no investigation at this grill, feeling that it was being investigated by other agents because of its direct connection with this case. Mrs. O'Shea, it seems, had been previously interviewed by agents from the Chicago Division office, and the location of her husband, of course, was known.

The Lakeview Village, 3817 Broadway, is a Chinese Restaurant and it is from that place that chow mein was ordered on the night that Verne Miller was in the apartment. From the telephone call previously placed, it seems that either Vi or Bobbie had ordered chow mein from that restaurant at some previous time. In order to check this restaurant, agent Baum had a meal there on November 10, 1933. This restaurant appeared to be a regular Chinese restaurant. It had about five booths on each side of the dining room in the rear. These booths were built high, and it would be impossible to determine who was sitting in a booth without passing to the rear of the restaurant. For that reason it would be a likely



place for criminals desiring a Chinese dinner to eat. This restaurant, although it was at a regular eating hour, had few patrons and all of these patrons were men. There was nothing about this place which would indicate that Subject Miller might have any connections there.

Due to the fact that the management of the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, 2738 North Pine Avenue, is known to be friendly to the underworld, no direct inquiry was made at that place by agent, but Sergeant Kempster indicated that he had an informant in that hotel who could supply him with valuable information, and it was suggested by agent to Special Agents Keating and Guinane that Kempster handle this address.

No investigation was made at the Peter Pan Beauty Salon, 4434 Sheridan Road, since a call by Vi or Bobbie to that number appears to be for an obvious reason.

No investigation was made at the O'Connor and Goldberg Co., 4616 Sheridan Road, which was also called, since this is a branch of a well known shoe store and apparently the call was made for the purpose of ordering footwear.

In addition, agent Baum interviewed Dr. Eugene J. Chesrow at his office, 1001 South Ashland Boulevard. Dr. Chesrow operates an office at that address with his brother, Dr. A. J. Chesrow, a younger man, and David Chesrow, another brother, has a law office in the same suite, which is the second floor of this building. On the first floor of this building Frank Chesrow, another brother, operates a drug store. When agent called, there were a score or more of patients in the doctor's office, and a number of patients came and left while agent was waiting for Dr. Eugene Chesrow's return. Most of these patients appeared to be Italians and many appeared to be of the poorer class, although some of the men seemed to be rather flashily dressed and might easily have been hoodlums. Drs. Eugene J. and A. J. Chesrow examined the pictures of Verne and Vi and both denied knowing either of these parties. Dr. Chesrow seemed unable to supply any information of value whatsoever in connection with this investigation.

Frank Chesrow, the pharmacist, was not in. Dr. Eugene Chesrow had appeared anxious that he, too, examine the pictures.

Since the statements made by Larry Bidderman have been incorporated in a written statement given to agent Baum by this man, this report will not detail the story told by Bidderman. It will be noted, however, in passing, that Bidderman said that Bobbie knew one Myrtle, whom he had never seen, and that she was also acquainted with one Dorothy, who owned a cottage on Pell Lake near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and that this Dorothy lived near Diversey and Clark Streets in Chicago, Illinois. It may be that this Dorothy lived at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, which is on Diversey near Clark.



In connection with the memorandum prepared by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith on November 4, 1933, indicating that three long distance telephone calls had been made to Chicago from the Royal Palm Hotel at Detroit, agent made the following investigation in order to determine who received these calls:

The first call, which was made at 11:32 P. M. on November 1, 1933, to Whitehall 6040, which is the 40 East Oak Apartments, 40 East Oak Street, Chicago, Illinois, resulted in information from H. H. Dunbar, manager of this large apartment hotel, to the effect that the records would not indicate who had received this call. He said, however, that he believed this call had been made by a party named Madden. This Madden, it seems, came to this hotel after his wife had registered there under the name of Neal. Madden was engaged, it appeared, in the sale of tapes to parties who were selling such objects to tourists of the World's Fair. A dispute arose about a week prior to November 13, 1933, when the interview was made with Madden, Mr. Dunbar said, and this party had been evicted and his baggage held. He had gone to the Municipal Court and obtained a warrant for the assistant manager of the hotel, and the case is to be litigated in court. Mr. Dunbar and the clerk on duty said that from a physical description Madden came very close to the description of Subject Miller, but that an examination of the photograph showed that these persons were not the same. Madden wore glasses and had a small mustache but he had a much weaker chin than has Miller. From the description of this party, it was evident that Madden and Miller were not the same. However, Madden came from Detroit, Michigan and had made a call from University 22726 from the hotel and had also called a number, University 1900 in Evanston, Illinois, as well as the previous Detroit number. It was thought by the manager that this party had made other calls to Detroit, probably reversing the charges, and that therefore the call mentioned was in fact to Madden.

In connection with the call made at 1:03 A. M. on November 1, 1933, to Juniper 10135 listed in the name of Mendel Aronson, 4720 Monticello Avenue, Apartment 3, agent Baum called at that address and discovered that Mr. and Mrs. Aronson were not at home but that a son, about 12 years of age, was in charge of the premises. He said his father operated the Noble Tobacco House, a retail cigar store at 110 1/2 Milwaukee Avenue. This lad was asked if his father had been on a trip lately, especially to Detroit, and he said his father had not. He said, however, that his brother had been in Detroit lately. He indicated that his brother is an actor, a mimic, and was due to appear at the State-Lake Theatre in Chicago, Illinois on December 10, 1933. Agent told him that his brother had called up about two weeks ago and the lad in surprise asked agent how agent had known this fact, admitting that his brother had called the family from Detroit about that time. It was apparent from an interview with this boy that it was, in fact, his brother who had called from Detroit.

In connection with the call to Englewood 5095 at 9:33 P. M. on November 1, 1933, which telephone is listed in the name of Sam M. Spelios, 6418 Stewart Avenue, second floor, agent Baum learned that Mr. Spelios is the owner of a restaurant at 406 West 63d Street. While this telephone at Mr. Spelios' residence is carried as an unpublished number, it will be noted that 6418 Stewart Avenue is a rooming house, and Mr. Spelios said that this telephone is in fact a nickel telephone and is in the hallway for the use of the various tenants in the house, and is in fact a telephone which would not be ordinarily characterized as an unpublished number. Mr. Spelios said that he had not received a call on November 1, 1933, from Detroit, Michigan. He said, however, that he had had a tenant in the house by the name of Barrett who had a wife and two children. Mr. Spelios was shown the pictures of Verne and Vi and was unable to identify either. He said that this Barrett is a man about 5'9" tall, very slender and having red hair. Barrett was out of work for some time, and on the relief rolls but later obtained a position with the Americana Corporation, as an auditor. Mr. Spelios said that it was necessary for Mr. Barrett to travel and audit the books of this company at various points, and that Barrett, who had not been in good health, went to Detroit and was taken sick there, and he called him on the telephone in October, 1933, in order to have money advanced to him so that he could return to Chicago and be attended by his, Barrett's, wife. Mr. Spelios had advanced this money and upon regaining his health after several days' sickness, Barrett had returned to Detroit to take up his duties. Mr. Spelios said this return had been about November 1, 1933, and that it was probable that Barrett had talked to his wife, telling her of his health, after arriving in Detroit. It seemed unlikely that this call had any significance in this matter, and further investigation of these three numbers was not made.

Since Bobbie Moore had indicated that Dr. Shapiro, who had an office below the Sherone Apartments, attended Vi once, while she was in the Sherone Apartments, agent Baum called on Dr. L. M. Shapiro, 4403 Sheridan Road, Longbeach 5600, who stated that on September 9, 1933, he had been summoned by Miss Bobbie Moore to the Sherone Apartments in order to take care of a friend known as Clara Hayes. He stated this woman had spelled her name "Hayes" and not "Hays". He did not know whether this woman was married or not, since his records did not indicate her as either Mrs. or Miss. He said that Miss Moore had advised him of the nature of the complaint, namely, that Clara Hayes was suffering from intoxication, and that in consequence he only made a superficial physical examination and prescribed medicines to alleviate Clara Hayes' trouble. He said that he did not see this woman again, and that when he was there, he did not hear her mention anything about her husband or any man. Dr. Shapiro said that Dr. Charles N. Pease, with whom he is associated, had tended to Bobbie Moore for a broken collar bone, and that Dr. Pease and he had also treated Bobbie Moore's daughter for a suggestion of mastoid trouble. Dr. Shapiro stated he had no further information to offer.

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While going to Dr. Shapiro's office, agent was passed by a fair sized dark sedan, going South on Broadway past Montrose Avenue. This car bore license plates No. 607-688, and while agent did not obtain a good view, the woman driving this car looked very much like Mrs. Winkler. It is entirely possible that this may have been some other woman, but this information is being submitted for what it is worth.

Information was obtained that Bobbie Moore had been seen at a drug store located at the corner of Montrose and Sheridan Road shortly after the escape of Miller, and that she had met Lawrence Bidderman son of the assistant manager of the Sherone Apartments. A search was instituted for Bidderman, and on November 4, 1933, he appeared at the Chicago Division office after his mother had been taken to the office for questioning. Bidderman at first stated that he had not seen Bobbie Moore and maintained this story for three days, and on November 10, 1933, he made a true statement of his association with Bobbie Moore. The statement of Lawrence H. Bidderman, dated November 10, 1933, is as follows; the original being maintained in the Chicago Division office file.

"Chicago, Illinois

November 10, 1933.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF COOK )

I, LAWRENCE H. BIDDERMAN, being first duly sworn, make the following statement to Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, having been informed that I am not compelled to make any statement, and that any statement that I may make may be used against me.

I have known Miss BOBBIE MOORE, who was also known to me as Mrs. J. A. Williams, for about fourteen months. I knew that she was a widow. I first knew her when she moved to the Sherone Apartments at 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, of which hotel I was manager at that time. Miss Moore and I became very friendly and later Miss Moore and I associated together a great deal, and I assisted in her support in that apartment. During this time I did not know anyone named VERN MILLER, and in

fact I did not know anyone named VI, who was a friend of Miss Moore. I did meet however, one CLARA HAYS, who went with Miss Moore and me in the latter part of August, 1933, on a trip to the O'Shea Farm in Iowa. Clara never talked about her husband to me and I knew nothing whatsoever about her husband. I have been shown the picture of Vern E. Miller and I am acquainted with his description, and I do not believe that I have ever seen this individual, and I have been informed that Clara Hays was in fact VI Matthews, the sweetheart of Vern Miller, but I did not know this fact. I knew that Clara occupied Apartment 211 in the Sherone Apartments, where I also lived, from about the last of August, 1933, until the time of her arrest on about November 1, 1933. I never saw any man about her apartment resembling Vern Miller.

On the evening of Wednesday, November 1, 1933, I desired to visit my son who lives at 5789 Ridge Avenue, Chicago, Ill. where he was sick with mastoid trouble. I called the garage where Bobbie kept her car and was informed that it was necessary to obtain her permission to get this Auburn convertible coupe. I had previously had various repair work done on this car in September and October, 1933. I became angry at this, and although Bobbie Moore told me that I could have the car I said that I would go to see my son in a taxi cab. I went to see my son and returned to the Sherone Apartments between 8:30 and 9 P.M. at which time a crowd had collected in the street, and I learned that there had been a shooting. I believed that it was this Auburn car that was in the shooting, from talking with neighbors, and I went to the place operated by Eddie Snyder, 944 Montrose Avenue, where I had a drink. When I was coming out of 944 Montrose Avenue I saw Bobbie Moore coming West on the north side of Montrose Avenue. She came up to me and stated that the car was shot up. She appeared to be perfectly normal except for the fact that there was a scratch on one of her legs and her stocking was torn. She did not say what the shooting was about, but told me that I must help her. I instructed her to go to Kink O'Shea's Place on North Halsted St. and to wait for me. As far as I knew she walked to that place. I then went to the Broadmont Beer Tavern across the street and had two beers.



I was delaying because I did not care to become involved in this matter. I then went to Kink O'Shea's place, which is known as the North Halsted Street Grill, and met Bobbie, returning with her to Eddie's place. I wanted to rent an apartment in the building at Eddie's place but Eddie, who was outside when we arrived, refused to admit us. Bobbie then said she wanted to talk to her attorney who was BENJAMIN FELDMAN, 10 North Clark St. I knew Benjamin Feldman, having met him first through Bobbie Moore. We boarded a passing Yellow taxi cab, in front of Eddie's place, and came south, Bobbie stopping in the drug store on the northwest corner of Madison and Clark Streets to make a telephone call, the nature of which I do not know. It was then about 11:30 P.M. We continued in this taxi to the apartment of Benjamin Feldman, which was on Kimbark Avenue, 5318 I believe. Feldman was apparently waiting for us, being dressed in pants, shirt and shoes, but without a tie. Bobbie asked me to step out of the room while she talked to Feldman. I went into the dining room. Later Feldman instructed both of us to surrender. While we were at this house Bobbie called some person on the telephone, but I do not know who this party was. We stayed at this apartment about three hours. I suggested to Bobbie that we might go to Doctor Brand's place at Woodstock, Illinois. I had met Doctor Brand through Bobbie and had been taken there on a number of occasions for intoxication. Mr. Feldman loaned Bobbie a suit case and I called Willis Sims, who was living with my son, and told him that I was out of funds and wanted to go to Woodstock, and asked him to come for me in the car. About 3 A.M. he called at Feldman's apartment with my son's car and he drove Bobbie and me to Woodstock, Illinois, where we arrived about 5 or 5.30 A.M. We entered the sanitarium of Doctor Brand and stayed there for several hours until he arrived, about 10 or 10.30 A.M. Doctor Brand had apparently read the morning papers and was extremely cool, telling us that he could not keep us.

We then went down town in Woodstock and discovered that a bus had just left and the next bus to Elgin was at 3.30 P. M. We ate in a restaurant and made inquiry at a garage concerning renting a car. Later we hired a car for



four dollars to drive us to Elgin. We took the 5 o'clock train from Elgin to Chicago, Illinois.

At Chicago we left the train and took a taxi driving west on Washington Boulevard and stopped at the Val Mar Apartments, occupying room 409, and registering under the name Mr. and Mrs. C. FELLS. The next morning, Friday, November 3, 1933, we had breakfast about 10.30 or 11 and then went to a store on west Madison St., through from the hotel, and there Bobbie purchased a dress, stockings, gloves, soap, and toothpaste. That afternoon we went downtown by taxi cab and called at the First State Pawners Association on Clark St. north of Monroe, and I pawned a ring and a brooch. The ring belonged to me although I had allowed Bobbie to wear it, but the brooch was hers. I obtained \$125.00 on these articles. I gave \$35.00 to Bobbie.

We then went back to the hotel together where I left her, telling her that I was going to my son's home and told her that I was going to surrender. When I got to my son's home I discovered that my mother was being questioned by Department of Justice agents. I then called Bobbie by telephone and told her to come to my son's house, which she did. I there told her that I intended to surrender and told her to do the same. She would not consent to do this but said that she would surrender on Monday or Tuesday. She asked me about places to go and suggested the O'Shea farm in Iowa, and also it was suggested that she might room with friends of my son at 901 Sunnyside Avenue. I left, however, to surrender before she had made any decision as to where she would stay. I then came to the Chicago office of the Division of Investigation where I surrendered myself. Bobbie did not tell me anything about Miller while we were together. She told me nothing about the case, and said that I could find out by reading the papers.

I knew that Jack was Bobbie's husband but I knew nothing about this man other than his name. Bobbie had occupied Apartment 414 in the Sherone Apartments, but moved to Apartment 101 about the middle of October.

Signed by me as a true statement.

(Signed) LAWRENCE H. BIDDERMAN  
LAWRENCE H. BIDDERMAN

W. CARTER RAUM

Special Agent, Division of  
Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, Chicago, Ill.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 10th day of November, 1933.

Helen Dunkel

(Seal) Notary Public.\*

Special Agent R. A. Knittle and Detective Garvey, with two squads, were dispatched to raid the apartment located at 5805 Ridge Avenue, concerning which agent Knittle submitted the following memorandum:

On November 4, 1933, while agent was on detail at the Sherone Apartments, upon instructions from Special Agent Guinane, he proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Bidderman, located at 5805 Ridge Avenue, in company with Detective Garvey, where we were to meet a squad of city police and make an examination of the apartment as well as to detain all occupants. Arriving there about 2:30 A.M., we were unable to locate the squad and approximately half an hour later found two squad cars parked in a filling station and were advised by the man in charge that the details had already entered the home.

The squad advised that upon arriving at the apartment, they found the only occupant to be Miss Marion Patton, age 22 who was in bed. Miss Patton stated that she was employed with Crane & Co., Chicago, and she was a roomer at this place. Shortly after the arrival of the squad, R. Farrand, a salesman for the Commonwealth Edison Co. Branch Store, 4562 Broadway, came to the apartment. He advised that he had just recently moved into the place. Both parties were questioned as to any other occupants during the past several days other than themselves and Mrs. Bidderman, but both denied that anyone else had been there.

Examination of the apartment disclosed three bedrooms in which all beds were made up except the one occupied by Miss Patton; linen and clothing in bathroom were clean and in order; general appearance of the entire apartment was clean and in order.

This apartment is located in a three story red brick building, being the apartment located on the first floor, west, and one of six apartments. Examination of various items around the telephone desk revealed the following numbers, which when checked through the exchanges were found to belong to these parties:

Notation on note

Telephone in name of

"Bobby" Ray. 9062

Harry R. Altschuler, 1429 Edgewater Ave., Apt. #2.  
This party also listed in Directory as a CPA  
located at 134 No. La Salle St.

Graceland 1094

No such number.

Sheldrake 5488

Disconnected; was in name of Walter A. Gordon, who  
may be reached through Kenilworth 5548.

Edgewater 3775

Mrs. Mae Pilot, 1633 Wilson Ave.

Ravenswood 3408

This is an unlisted number but found to be for  
the phone located in 5789 Ridge Ave., the home  
of J. M. (Mac) Bidderman.

A letter was also found from Grace and Warren Ploeger, White Cloud, Kansas, postmarked Oct. 9, 1933, at Robinson, Kansas, to Louise and Mac Bidderman. Contents of this letter revealed that the senders were evidently farmers.

Mr. Farrand stated that he knew Larry Bidderman and that he had recently installed a radio in his apartment, but when questioned as to its whereabouts stated that he did not know the exact location except that it was possibly several blocks east of 5805 Ridge Avenue, and was on this street. He did not believe that he could point out the place.

Upon instructions of Special Agent Guinane, we proceeded to 5789 Ridge Avenue, believed to be the home of Larry Bidderman, in company of Mr. Farrand. However, he could not point out this place as being the home of Bidderman, but an examination of the mail box disclosed the name of J. M. Bidderman as the party occupying the apartment located on the first

floor, west of a six apartment, three story brick building. The detail attempted to gain entrance to the apartment through both the front and rear entrances but all efforts to arouse anyone were unsuccessful, although the apartment appeared to be lighted through drawn curtains. The telephone could be heard ringing at approximately ten minute intervals, although no voice was heard answering same. One of the patrolmen proceeded to a corner garage and rang Ravenswood 5408, which call was heard by the men outside of the apartment. Attempts were made to force the doors without success, and it was not deemed advisable to lift a man up to the windows in an attempt to gain entrance in that manner.

Upon instructions of agent Guinane, we awaited the arrival of Mrs. Bidderman and Mrs. Mac Bidderman, who were being sent out from the Division office. After waiting about an hour these women drove up and at the same time Willis J. Simms and Marie Marinos arrived, walking from the east. Going into the house, it was found that the only occupant was "Mac" Bidderman, who was in bed and apparently well under the influence of liquor, evidenced by several cases of empty beer bottles and four or five empty whiskey bottles.

Willis J. Simms, age 30 years, stated that he operated a summer resort on Fox Lake, Illinois, and that when he was in town he had a room at 5789 Ridge Avenue. Marie Marinos, about 30 years of age, stated that she also resided on Fox Lake with her parents and that she was a friend of Simms; that she also stayed at the Bidderman place when in Chicago. A search of some of the papers in the room claimed to be occupied by Simms disclosed bills and invoices addressed to Marie Kelly, which name Marie Marinos admitted she used at one time in order to escape some bills at the time she divorced her husband. Simms advised that he and Marie Marinos had been in the apartment earlier in the evening and had gone to a restaurant, believed to be the "Period" on Sheridan Road, for something to eat and that he had made several telephone calls to the apartment from the restaurant, which were probably the calls heard by agent and the detail. It was apparent that Simms and Marinos had occupied the room earlier in the evening; the bed had been occupied, both women's and men's clothes were strewn about the room and night clothes were on the bed, which they admitted were theirs.

Examination of the premises, disclosed a pot in the living room, which Marie claimed was occupied by her; the entire apartment was in order; bathroom and contents clean and in order. Examination of dirty clothes revealed nothing of significance.

"Mac" Bidderman, Marie Marinos and Simms stated that no one had been in the apartment in the last few days except themselves and Mrs. Mac Bidderman. Simms stated that his mother and Marie's mother had stayed there several days ago and he had taken them back to Fox Lake.



Agent and the squads departed from the apartment at approximately five o'clock, agent and Detective Garvey returning to the Sherone Apartment.

On November 6, 1933, Bobbie Moore surrendered at the United States Marshal's office and was taken into custody. She was questioned for several hours and refused to divulge any information, and later made a statement to Special Agent W. Carter Baum concerning her connection with Verne Miller. Agent Baum's memorandum is as follows:

Miss Bobbie Moore, whose maiden name was Martha Moore and who was later married to J. A. Harris and who also used the name with Harris of Mrs. J. A. Williams, was interviewed at the Chicago Division office on November 7, 1933, at which time she supplied agent Baum with the following information.

Miss Moore stated that she had at one time lived with her husband at 1039 Hollywood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and had later moved with him and her two children to the Donmoor Apartments, 921 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She stated that her husband, Jack Harris, was a gambler and was mixed up in rackets. She said that while she was at the Donmoor Apartment Hotel she met for the first time Vi and Verne Miller. She said that she became very friendly with Vi although she never had a great deal to do with Vi. She denied that Verne Miller had anything to do with the death of her husband, and also denied, which seems very probable, that her children, ages fourteen and twelve, were the children of Verne Miller. She stated that she was born in Kentucky, but would not indicate where she had gone to school and told very little of her former life. She said that after the death of her husband she had experienced a rather hard time, keeping things together. She said that she could not definitely say that Harris was dead since she had never seen his body and had never heard of it being discovered. She believed it probable that Harris had been killed because of some of his activities. She stated that she had been living at the Sherone Apartments for fourteen or fifteen months and that she had been very friendly with Larry Bidderman, who was formerly Manager of that hotel. She said that she had become very much attached to the entire Bidderman family and admitted that Larry partially supported her at this hotel. She indicated that she had worked several times at the 225 Club. She stated that although her husband was supposed to be mixed up in the rackets, he had kept her uninformed and ignorant as to his activities and had attempted to shield her from his racket associates. In consequence, she stated, she was not acquainted with the various criminals and racketeers in Chicago and that she had little desire to meet or know these people. She stated that this would explain in part her ignorance of various matters.



She stated that she first obtained employment at a night club as a night club hostess, but that she was so ignorant of this sort of life that she was not aware of how night club hostesses often made their livelihood. Being disgusted with what she saw, she quickly gave up this type of business, but in the meantime she had learned that there were positions known as schillers. A "schiller" is a person who frequents gambling places, and who will bet at a table in order to attract other guests. This employment pays well and is respectable. The difficulty with this employment is that the person who is so employed can work at it only a short time, since regular lay-offs are required by all gambling houses in order that the identity of the schiller will not become known to the patrons.

She stated that she had never corresponded with Verne or Vi and that the last time she had seen Verne prior to the meeting in October, 1933, was about December, 1932, when he stopped by to see her and to wish her the Season's greetings. She said that she had not seen Vi for six or seven months prior to that time. However, in August, 1933, Vi came to town and stayed a few days in her apartment, going to Iowa with her to the O'Shea farm. She said that once when she had needed a friend, Vi had been a very good friend of hers, and in consequence, when Vi, whom she liked a great deal, had needed a friend in Chicago, she had been very glad to assist her. She said that at that time she did not believe that Vi or herself would ever see Verne Miller. She said that Vi was not very talkative about her past and Bobbie could not remember whether Vi had said that she had been in Atlantic City and Montreal this year, but that she knew Vi had been in Atlantic City because Vi had several pairs of shoes which bore the trademarks of Atlantic City. She said that when she and Vi were together, however, Vi frequently said that she wished that she knew where Verne was and wondered as to what he was going and how he was. Because of this, Bobbie Moore said that she did not believe that Vi knew where Verne could be located. She did say, however, that she was unaware that Vi had made any telephone calls to Detroit, Michigan, or to Crete, Illinois, and said that she knew nothing whatsoever of these telephone calls and that if they had been made, Vi had not told her about them.

She said that the first indication she had that Verne was coming to see them was when he called Vi and said that he would be there in a few minutes. She could not explain how Verne knew where Vi was if neither Bobbie nor Vi were in communication with him. In any event, a short time thereafter Verne came to the Sherone Apartments, and came to the apartment of Bobbie Moore, that is 101. The reason he came to this apartment was because a Halloween party was being held in Vi's apartment. Bobbie stated that she had been unable to have this Halloween party for her children in her own apartment since it was being re-decorated. Bobbie said that she took Verne's suitcase from his car into the hotel and carried it to Vi's apartment on the second floor. She also said that she took the car and drove

it from in front of the hotel to a parking lot nearby. This was done because it was Halloween night and she feared that the car might be damaged by pranksters. During the whole time that Verne Miller was in this apartment, which was over a day, Bobbie said that she scarcely talked to him more than a half hour and did not learn from him where he had been or where he was going.

At the time that Verne came to this apartment, Bobbie said, she knew that he was "hot", that is that he was wanted by the police and by the Government. She did not say that she was acquainted with the Kansas City massacre, however. She at first denied that she knew anything about this, not reading the front pages of the paper, but she later intimated that she had probably read about this crime but that she had not heard Verne's name mentioned in connection with it. She said that she had not noticed any guns in Verne's possession and in fact had not noticed much about him. Upon an examination of his photograph, she said that Verne looked much healthier than the photograph in the possession of this Division would indicate, and apparently was heavier. She said that on the evening of November 1, 1933, Verne had told her that he wanted to make a telephone call from an elevated station and asked her to get her car and take him to the telephone. Bobbie said that she did not consider this request queer since she imagined that he desired to make a telephone call so that the person receiving the call would not be able to trace the place from which the call was made, or at least if the call were traced, no valuable information could be secured. She said that he did not tell her which elevated station he desired to go to, but she assumed that it was to either the Wilson Avenue or Lawrence Avenue station.

She said that she did not know when Verne had intended to leave, but had been under the impression that he intended to leave in a day or two, but she had nothing on which to base her assumption. She stated, however, that she had more or less hoped that Vi would leave at the same time that Verne left. She stated that while she was very friendly toward Vi and was also a friend of Verne's, she nevertheless feared the responsibility of these people being in the neighborhood and felt that it was inevitable that Verne would be located and apprehended. However, on the night in question she stated that she had no idea whatever that there were any Federal agents or police officers in the vicinity and that she did not believe that Verne had any idea that he or they were being watched. She said that she went down to the car and got in it and that Verne later came to this car. She stated that the events all happened so quickly thereafter that she was unable to give any real picture of what had happened. She said that she was aware of the fact that some man had entered behind the car and that shooting had taken place, although she could not swear that Verne had shot. She stated that she lost all conscious reaction and that the only thought in her mind was to get away. She said that she was hard to frighten, and in fact had never been so frightened before in her life. She started this car and drove some distance,

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and she stated that the only thing Verne asked was to inquire as to whether she was hurt or not. She stated that she realized after going some way that she had not taken the car out of second. She also heard the firing of a machine gun, but she stated that at the time she did not realize what this noise was.

She was asked why she drove down a blind street, and she said that this was entirely a mistake and that she did not know where she was going. She said that Verne jumped out of the car without saying a word to her and disappeared. She decided to turn the car around, but failed, so she got out of the car and went to Montrose and walked West until she met Larry Bidderman in front of Edy's place. She said that she then walked most of the way to Kink O'Shea's speakeasy, where she got a drink. Bidderman then picked her up there and brought her back to Edy's place, where Edy refused to rent them an apartment.

She then admitted the trip to her lawyer by taxicab. She stated that Benjamin Feldman, her lawyer, advised her to give herself up, but that her reason for not doing so was that she simply did not have the stamina to do so. While at Feldman's, she stated she called Mrs. O'Shea on the telephone and that she also talked to her children over Mrs. O'Shea's telephone.

She later went to Woodstock, she indicated, but told nothing about her trip to or from this point. She stated, however, that she did not believe that Feldman, whom she had known for a long time, was acquainted with Verne Miller and she denied that the statement had been made by Feldman that he "knew that that party was in town". She admitted that Feldman had given her a suitcase to carry, and that this suitcase was now at the place where she had stayed on Saturday and Sunday nights. She admitted going to the Velmar Apartments, but denied that she had returned to these apartments on Saturday, stating that she had left this hotel on Friday night when she went to the home of Larry Bidderman's son. Bobbie stated that she had finally mustered up the courage to surrender.

She said that she believed that her only true friends was a Jewish family and often repeated this during the course of the interview. She indicated that her friends at the Sherone Apartments had been very few, but she stated that among them was a Jewish girl, about 18 or 19 years old.

Bobbie refused to say where she stayed on Saturday or Sunday night, but from the other statements that this woman made it would seem probable that she had stayed at the home of this Jewish girl. She said,

however, that the people with whom she stayed had absolutely no connection with Verne Miller and that she did not wish to implicate them in this case in any way, nor did she wish to have them embarrassed.

She denied that she knew anyone in Chicago who might know of the location of Verne Miller and said positively that she had no idea where Verne Miller could have gone when he got out of her car. She said that as far as she knew, Vi Miller was friendless.

Bobbie was quizzed in connection with the fact that Larry Bidderman had told agent that she, Bobbie, was acquainted with a woman named Myrtle, whom she always visited privately. Bobbie indicated that Myrtle had two children, but she would not say whether she was married or not. She would not indicate whether this Myrtle knew Verne Miller, but did say that she did not believe that Myrtle knew where Verne Miller was. This fact indicates that Bobbie was not being open and truthful in stating that she did not know possible friends of Verne Miller in Chicago.

Bobbie repeatedly stated that while she was very unhappy over the fact that Verne was mixed up in rackets and killings, so she was informed, nevertheless she had known him when he was a much different type of man and that she did not want any harm to come to him through her. Nevertheless, she said that she desired that it be believed that her statement that she knew nothing about Verne was true.

Bobbie indicated that about two years ago she had spent some time fishing at Lake Waubesa, Wisconsin. It may be possible that this is the point where Verne Miller and others have a summer resort.

Bobbie talked on many other subjects and gave considerable other information about irrelevant matters.

Special Agents Earl Van Wagoner and John L. Madala examined Apartments 211 and 101 after the escape of Miller. Agent Van Wagoner submitted a memorandum, dated November 7, 1933, covering this examination, which is as follows:

Agent went through the personal effects in apartment 211 in the Sherone Apartment Hotel, which had been occupied by Mrs. C. Hayes, and in which Verne Miller was located, at 4423 Sheridan Road; also apartment 101, occupied by Mrs. Bobbie Moore, in an endeavor to locate information which would be helpful in locating friends of Verne Miller with whom he might correspond; also to obtain names of personal chums of the children of Mrs. Moore, in order to locate the children, if possible.



From the diary kept by Phyllis Moore, age 14, which is being retained in the file of the Chicago Division office, there were found the names of a number of personal friends of Phyllis, but agent only interviewed one of her best chums, namely Jean Simons, age 17, of 927 Galt Avenue. It was also learned that John Moore, known as Buddy, had a very close chum by the name of Douglas Kraus, 945 Galt Avenue. There were a great many other names which are set forth in the diary.

Agent and Special Agent John Madala contacted Miss Jean Simons, 927 Galt Avenue, and were advised by her that she did not know where Phyllis and Buddy were living and had not seen them since Wednesday afternoon, November 1st. Miss Simons advised that Mrs. Moore gave a Halloween party Tuesday, but that the party was held in a vacant cigar store of the hotel. She stated that in the afternoon around 4:00 o'clock she called at Phyllis' apartment and the door was only opened about three inches and Mrs. Moore was perfectly white, and advised her that she could not come in. Miss Simons stated that she suspected that something was wrong, but she did not know what it was. She stated that she had heard remarks from the children to the effect that Mrs. Hayes was having a boy friend come to visit her.

Miss Simons advised that she would cooperate with the Division in attempting to locate Phyllis and Buddy as she and her other playmates were worried about her and would like to know themselves where she was. The name and address of the Chicago office was left with Miss Simons in order for her to communicate with the office in the event she obtained any information of value.

Agent and Agent Madala contacted Douglas Kraus, age 14, 945 Galt Avenue, who stated that he was a good friend of Buddy's; that on Wednesday, about 8:30 P. M., he called at apartment 101, and was advised by Buddy and his mother, Mrs. Moore, that he could not come out right then, but might be able to come out later; that about 8:00 o'clock he went back to the apartment and knocked on the door, but received no response. It should be borne in mind that this visit was made only a few minutes prior to the escape of Verne Miller. He stated that he did not know where the children were located, but would be glad to cooperate with the Government in the event he learned of their whereabouts.

While checking over the personal belongings of Mrs. Moore in the storeroom in the basement, there was found a large wardrobe trunk, bearing the name of "Mac Leavitt, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma", addressed to Mac Leavitt at 934 Galt Avenue. On this trunk was a tag of Mrs. Moore.



Agent accompanied by Special Agent W. B. Jamison, contacted Mrs. Bessie (M. B. and Mac) Leavitt, 2342 Sheridan Road, who advised that her husband was in Seattle, and that she was packing her things preparing to join him and was leaving on Sunday, November 5th. Mrs. Leavitt advised that some time during the summer, after the Kansas City massacre, her husband was interviewed by Special Agent D. O. Smith of the Chicago office concerning his knowledge of Verne Miller, as it appeared that Miller once lived at the Dommoor Hotel, owned and operated by Mr. Leavitt; that Miller lived at this hotel sometime during the period between 1928 and 1931. Mrs. Leavitt stated that their attorney, Mr. George Callahan, associated with David Stansbury, attorneys at law, Bankers Building, was present during the interview with Mr. Smith and that their connection with Verne Miller might be obtained from the above interview. Mrs. Leavitt advised that in their opinion, they thought that Verne Miller was an exceptionally fine man until she saw the writeup in the local papers of the Kansas City episode, and she expressed regret to agents that they did not get Miller the night he escaped from the Sherone Hotel.

Agents questioned Mrs. Leavitt concerning her knowledge of Mrs. Moore, the notation appearing on the wardrobe trunk, and also a notation in an address book "Mac \$250.00", also "Mac \$200.00", and she advised that she had lived at 934 Galt Avenue for ten years and met Mrs. Bobbie Moore through her children; that Mrs. Moore had two fine children, and that she never suspected that she would be guilty of harboring a fugitive or assisting in his escape, and that it was a great surprise to her to know this. She stated that in 1932 she borrowed a trunk from Mrs. Moore to go to Oklahoma City, where she stayed at the Biltmore Hotel, in July, 1932, and that she returned in August, 1932, and shipped the trunk to her Galt Avenue address; that after the trunk was emptied she paid a porter at the Sherone Hotel twenty-five cents to return the trunk to Mrs. Moore, which undoubtedly accounts for the fact that the trunk bears the notation set forth in this memorandum.

Mrs. Leavitt advised that she had not seen Mrs. Moore since April, 1933, and had no idea where the children might be. She stated that she was not so intimate with Mrs. Moore, having only called on her a couple of times when she had a broken shoulder blade and had taken soup to her apartment. She stated that she is not the visiting type of woman and knew her only by reason of her children.

Agent and agent John Madala checked the apartment 506, occupied by Larry Bidderman, with a view to obtaining, if possible, correspondence or evidence of communications from Verne Miller to Mrs. Moore,

After furnishing the information with reference to the above mentioned persons, Mr. Anderson stated that soon after reading about Miller's recent escape, he happened to be sitting in a cafe in or near the La Salle Hotel and heard two men, believed by him to be hoodlums, conversing with each other about meeting "V" in Elgin. He thought possibly they were talking about Verne Miller, but admitted this was just a wild guess on his part.

Through Mr. Todd, Assistant Manager of the La Salle Hotel, agents ascertained that one E. W. Viskery, 1800 Clark Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, occupied Room 704 from October 30 to November 1, 1933, inclusive. He was charged a single rate and there was nothing on the records to indicate that the room was occupied during this period by two persons. The records further indicated that the room, 704, was again rented on November 2, 1933, this time being assigned to one Don Hamilton, 17 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, which person still occupies same. Neither the hotel records nor the records of the cafe operated in conjunction with the hotel indicated that any meals were sent up to Room 704 during the period from October 29 to November 1, 1933.

Special Agent D. O. Smith submitted a memorandum, dated November 1, 1933, relative to a telephone conversation with Sheriff Welter of Ottawa, Illinois, as follows:

During a telephonic conversation with Sheriff Welter of Ottawa, Illinois, today, the latter advised that some two or three days ago a man, who was about 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighed about 230 pounds, appeared at Ottawa, at which time he was driving a coupe (probably a Hudson), which bore Illinois Dealer's License 716; that the large man in question was accompanied by Vi Miller, the wife of Verne, and asked an informant of Sheriff Welter to contact Verne Miller, stating Miller was then in Chicago. The informant spoke to Sheriff Welter about the matter and the latter advised him to make every effort possible to ascertain the location of Miller in Chicago or elsewhere, in order that the Sheriff could advise this office accordingly. Apparently the informant of Sheriff Welter is personally acquainted with Vi Miller, but desires to not involve himself in any manner, as he is acquainted with the reputation of Verne Miller. Sheriff Welter promised to telephone this office in the event he receives any information of value regarding instant case. In the event no information is received shortly, however, it is believed that further inquiry should be made through Sheriff Welter at Ottawa.

The writer telephoned the information regarding Illinois Dealer's License #716 to Special Agent in Charge Ladd of St. Louis, requesting that the latter cause an investigation to be made at Bloomington, Illinois, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the dealer to whom

knowing that Larry Bidderman was keeping company with Mrs. Moore. At apartment 506 agent discovered a card bearing the name of Mrs. O'Shea, Apartment 402, of this hotel, and agent was advised later by agent Madala that the children of Mrs. Moore were located in this apartment Thursday evening about 10:30 P. M., by having the night watchman go by her apartment and detect the voices of children therein.

There was found in Apartment 211 at the Sherone Apartments after the escape \$374.00 in currency, consisting of three \$100.00 bills, two \$20.00 bills, three \$10.00 bills and four \$1.00 bills. These bills were checked against the lists of ransom money in the Hamm, Factor and Urschel kidnaping cases, by Special Agent W. C. Ryan, and it was determined that none of this money checked with any of the money on these lists.

A telephone call was received by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe on the night of November 2, 1933, from Harry Heydenburg, reporter for the Chicago American, who advised that he had some information which might prove of value in this case. Special Agents H. L. Scott, J. H. Rice and Jay C. Newman interviewed Harry Heydenburg in Room 739 of the La Salle Hotel, where Heydenburg introduced the agents to a Mr. A. E. Anderson. Mr. Anderson, who claimed to be acquainted with Bob Clark of the Secret Service, who is assigned to guard President Roosevelt and who also stated that he had accompanied the President to Chicago on his recent visit, stated he had been at the La Salle Hotel for several days, and since seeing Verne Miller's photograph in several Chicago newspapers, had recalled seeing a man and woman in Room 704 who closely resembled Miller and Bobbie Moore. Mr. Anderson advised that he had seen them in Room 704 while passing same on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, 1933; that he last saw the person believed by him to be Miller in this room Sunday night, and the last time he saw the woman there was approximately 7:00 P. M., Tuesday, October 31, 1933. He stated that his attention was directed to these persons due to the fact that he never saw them away from the room, and that they always had their meals served in the room, as he had noticed a table in the hall practically every time he passed the room.

Mr. Anderson described the man practically the same as Miller was described in the newspapers, adding that he had broad shoulders and appeared to weigh approximately 160 lb.; that he was wearing a dark gray suit with a wide stripe but was never seen with a top coat; further, that he wore horn rimmed glasses, but he was unable to state whether they were tinted; also a small mustache.

The woman was described by Anderson as being about 5'3" tall, weighing approximately 125 lb. and as having bright red hair and purple eyes.

the license was issued, with a view of ascertaining more information regarding the large man who was recently in Ottawa, Illinois, where he alleged Verne Miller was in Chicago. In view of the fact that the license in question was issued to a Chevrolet dealer, it is believed that the dealer in question should be located and through discreet inquiry, ascertain if he has loaned the license tags to someone else, or if they have been stolen.

With regard to the information received from Special Agent Guinane today, to the effect that a telegram had been sent from Apartment 211 at the Sherone Apartment House, this agent immediately contacted Mr. Butterfield, of the Western Union Telegraph Co., who caused a check to be made at the sending station in the vicinity of the Sherone Hotel, later advising that telegraphic records failed to indicate that a message had been dispatched from Miller or wife on November 1, 1933; however, on October 31, 1933, a telegram was sent collect from Dallas, Texas, to Mrs. Bierman, 4423 Sheridan Road, reading as follows:

"LE BURGERS GOOD SCOUT AND YIPIN ALL OK" Signed "T. H. HARRIS"

It cost approximately \$1.00 to send this telegram and obviously it pertains to tips on horse races. It should be noted that by reversing the last word, the word "nifty" is obtained. This may or may not be significant, depending on the identity of Mrs. Bierman and T. H. Harris. However, it is believed that Bobbie Moore was once married to a man named Harris and he was killed by Verne Miller.

Mr. Butterfield assured the writer that he is covering all significant telegrams that may be sent from or delivered to Verne Miller and wife, as Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hayes at the Sherone Apartments.

On the afternoon of November 1, 1933, agent Furrou of the New York City Division office telephoned, stating he had checked 1933 New York License Plates G-L-1469, ascertaining that the car was sold by the Klang Motor Sales Co., 1035 Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York, to a person who used the name, "Frederick P. Glaubach", who gave his address as 1991 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, New York. The automobile in question was a Ford Coupe, 1932 model, motor No. 18-36196, and was sold second hand for \$400.00. The alleged Glaubach purchased the car on Sunday, October 22, 1933, and stated that positively it must be delivered to him not later than 10:00 A. M. the next day. When Glaubach reported for the car on October 23, 1933, he paid for same with four \$100.00 bills, and flashed a big roll of \$100.00 bills at the time of the payment. This appears characteristic of the modus operandi used by Miller in purchasing automobiles.

Officials of the Klang Motor Sales describe Glaubach as being a person similar to Miller, however they were unable to identify his photograph, which may have been due to the fact that the photograph exhibited had been made approximately eleven years previously. Glaubach did not obtain an operator's or chauffeur's license in New York and on his registration he merely gave his age as 34 years, however the salesman stated he looked as if he were 37 or 38 years of age. Glaubach was unknown at the Crotona Avenue address at Bronx, New York.

It may be significant to note that if Miller and Glaubach are one and the same person, Miller has concluded to adopt a name with little or no similarity to his proper name, probably with the view of avoiding suspicion.

The New York office requested to be advised immediately in the event Miller is located.

Special Agent H. L. Scott submitted a memorandum, dated November 8, 1933, which is as follows:

On November 3, 1933, agent having received some information from a personal friend to the effect that a La Salle automobile with an Indiana license was located in a private garage at 4254 Hazel Avenue, and that there appeared to be some suspicion attached to the same in view of the fact that a man who in some wise answered the description of Verne Miller had been working on the car, and to the effect that the party who was working or had been working on it was reported to be an ex-convict, upon authority of Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, went to the garage in question and interviewed Harry L. Gress, janitor, who stated that about a week ago a lady whose name he understood was Mrs. Sipes, age about 30, height about 5'7" or 8", weight about 125-30 lb., hair red, residence Montrose Beach Hotel, had come into the garage with a young man who at that time was supposed to be her step-son, whose name it was later learned was McNulty, first name unknown, age 21-23, height 5'6½", weight about 135-40 lb., complexion light, hair sandy. This man claimed that Mrs. Sipes was his step-mother, but she, according to the janitor, later denied it and claimed he was simply working on the car which was her father's, and that McNulty was out on probation.

The janitor looked at the picture of Miller and advised that no one answering the description or his description as given further in reference to glasses, hair, mustache, etc., had been at the garage.



Agent checked this automobile and found it to be a La Salle large sedan, motor No. 603044, and had about 58,000 miles on the speedometer. The motor number, that is, the block looked as though it might have been filed to some extent, and as there was a possibility that the numbers might have been changed, agent requested Mr. Harry McDonald of the Chicago Auto Theft Detail to have one of their men check the car as to this. Agent had communicated telephonically with the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, who advised they had no record as to this car being stolen. Detective Rabbitt of the Automobile Squad later left word at the Division office to the effect that the car had checked all right.

Agent Scott also submitted a memorandum, dated November 8, 1933, with reference to information obtained from Mr. A. R. Lapitz of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, which memorandum reads as follows:

On November 5, 1933, Mr. A. R. Lapitz of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, telephonically advised Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith that he had certain information relative to Verne Miller.

Agent called at the Burns Detective Agency and Mr. Lapitz introduced agent to Irving H. Yergin of the Chicago Daily Times. Mr. Lapitz advised that Yergin had certain information as to Miller but desired to be assured in reference to the Daily Times being advised of the apprehension if Yergin's tip as to the location of Miller was responsible for his apprehension.

Mr. Lapitz and Mr. Yergin came to the Chicago Division office and Mr. Yergin advised Mr. D. O. Smith and agent that he had received information from a former newspaper man that on November 5, 1933, at the Hotel Halwood, 740 Englewood Avenue, Chicago, he had seen in the restaurant and in the barber shop of the hotel a party who answered the newspaper picture of Miller. Mr. Yergin also said that his informant, whose name he did not give, stated that the party he had observed was wearing a brown hat, brown suit and brown coat and a white shirt.

Agent at once went to this hotel and found it was a small hotel of approximately 75 to 100 rooms and had a small lobby which was curtained so that it could not be seen from the street; that there was a restaurant in connection with it, but failed to find any barber shop. Nothing could be observed from the street on account of the curtained windows. Agent advised Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith to this effect, and suggested checking in the hotel, which Mr. Smith directed be done. Agent checked into this hotel under the name of Harry Armstrong, occupied room 322 and kept the lobby and restaurant under surveillance until after midnight and again the next morning before 8:00 A. M. until about 11:00 o'clock, not observing anyone who answered in any wise the

description of Miller. Agent so advised Mr. D. O. Smith, who stated that he did not believe the matter worthy of continuing, and that agent could use his discretion as to the interviewing of the manager and clerk.

Agent interviewed the day clerk, Lee Stermen, and showed him the picture and description of Subject Miller. He advised that he had not seen this man around the hotel. Agent also advised him as to the change in Miller's appearance, mustache, glasses, hair, etc. It should be stated that from agent's observation of this clerk, he is a very observing young man and would probably have noted Miller had he been there. This hotel has very few transients outside of those employed by the American Airways.

Agent interviewed the manager, E. Murfkan, along the same lines as the clerk, but received no information of interest, as he stated he was satisfied that he had not seen anyone answering the description of Miller at the hotel, and that he was acquainted with most of his guests, had very few transients other than those aforementioned, nor had he had any women guests that he could not account for.

Both the manager and the clerk stated that should they receive any information of interest, they would communicate at once with the Chicago Division office. Agent thereupon checked out of the hotel at about noon, November 4, 1933.

Special Agent J. W. Martin submitted the following memorandum, dated November 8, 1933:

During the investigation of the Keating and Holden case by the Chicago Division office during the years 1931 and 1932, it was determined that Frank Nash and Vernon C. Miller lived at the Holme Apartments, 2119 - 51st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, from May until July, 1932. The Holme Apartment House is owned and operated by Anton Bergl, who is a brother of Joseph Bergl, who is an associate of this gang. In checking over numerous papers which were found in Miller's car, which he recently drove to Chicago, there was found a hotel bill from the Graystone Inn, Roaring Gap, North Carolina, showing that a party known as Mr. D. J. Gross, evidently Verne C. Miller, was located at the Graystone Inn from September 2 to September 8, 1933.

On November 7, 1933, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent J. J. Keating and Sergeant O. W. Kampster of the Illinois State Police, visited the aforementioned apartment house, and in the same section in which Miller formerly lived noted what appeared to be the name "L. E. Gross" written in ink on a piece of paper, which was inserted in the bell of the mail box in the vestibule. This fact was reported to Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and it was decided that the writer and Sergeant Kampster should call at the Cicero Post Office and check up there to ascertain how long this party had lived there.

On November 8, 1933, the writer, accompanied by Sergeant Kampster, called at the Cicero Post Office and contacted Superintendent Edward J. Skala, who in turn contacted carrier Harry F. Bohrer, No. 5007, who carries No. 2119 - 51st Avenue. Carrier Bohrer stated that he did not know anybody by the name of L. E. Gross at the above address, but did believe that he had delivered, within the past two weeks, two postcards addressed to L. E. Gross. He stated that he did not know and had never seen L. E. Gross and that the party, in his opinion, had moved there recently. These facts were immediately reported to the Special Agent in Charge, and it was decided to raid this apartment house to ascertain whether or not Miller was there.

On November 8, 1933, at about 1:30 P. M. the writer, accompanied by Sergeant Kampster, met Special Agent in Charge Purvis, several other agents and two squad cars at the corner of 51st Avenue and 22d Street, Cicero, Illinois, and proceeded to 2119 - 51st Avenue. Special Agent in Charge Purvis, accompanied by the writer, Sergeant Kampster and Special Agent W. A. Smith, entered the apartment while officers and other agents surrounded the house. Mrs. Rose, Superintendent of the building, was contacted and escorted agents and officers throughout the entire house and Miller was not found there. A thorough examination was made of the basement, without results.

Special Agent W. A. Smith submitted a memorandum, dated October 9, 1933, as follows:

On September 29, 1933, Chief of Detectives William H. Schomaker advised that Sergeant Courtney of the Woodlawn Police Station, had told him that a friend of his had told him that one Anton Pejan, 2819 South Harding Avenue, had said that his sister, Mrs. Theresa Horeni, who resides on the first floor at 2819 South Harding Avenue, had received a trunk this summer which she stored in her attic. Pejan became suspicious of this trunk and looked in it and saw that it contained two machine guns. His sister then immediately had a man come and haul this trunk away.

Pojan and Mrs. Horeni were brought to the State's Attorney's office by Chief of Detectives Schomaker's men and were there interviewed by the writer. Anton Pojan stated that sometime this summer two trunks had been brought to his sister's residence and left on the back porch. He stated that he did not look into these trunks or know what they contained but he suspected they might contain guns, inasmuch as his sister, who is a dressmaker, had many women call on her to have dresses made, and these women appeared to be connected with hoodlums. He stated he recognized the picture of Mrs. Gus Winkler which appeared in the paper as being that of one of the women who called at his sister's home. He stated that these two trunks were later taken away. Pojan was unable to give very much information inasmuch as he could not understand or speak English very well.

Mrs. Horeni, upon interview, advised that she is a widow and has two sons and that she lives on the first floor at 2819 South Harding Avenue. She stated that she had been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bergl for approximately twelve years and has made all of Mrs. Bergl's clothes for her. She also stated that she and Mrs. Bergl were contemplating going into partnership and operating a ladies wear store at 6353 West 22d Street but that Mrs. Bergl has now backed out of the agreement inasmuch as her husband had gotten into considerable trouble. At first Mrs. Horeni denied having any trunks at her place but then later stated that a woman known to her as Vi had on one occasion brought two trunks to her house and left them on the back porch overnight and had called for them the next day. She stated that Vi was leaving Chicago for her parents' home and merely wanted to leave the trunks there overnight. She also stated that sometime in the past summer two hand bags were delivered to her home by express. She does not recall the name under which they were sent and at first declined to accept them but finally decided it might be some customer of hers who was sending luggage there until called for. She took the two bags. She stated about ten days later, while she was away from home, a woman called for the bags at her home and they were given to her by her son, Edward, age 17. Mrs. Horeni said she did not know who this woman was nor did her son know who this woman was.

Mrs. Horeni stated that she did not know the names of persons for whom she made dresses but knew them only by their first names and among them were three women known as Vi, Lil and Georgette. Mrs. Horeni was later brought to the Chicago Division office and interviewed by Special Agent J. J. Keating. At this time she identified the pictures of Vivian Mathews, Lillian Holden and Mrs. Gus Winkler as being three of the women for whom she made dresses. She disclaimed any knowledge as to their present whereabouts and promised that should they again appear at her home for dresses, she would immediately advise this office.



The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated September 27, 1933:

On September 27, 1933 agent obtained the permission of Mr. R. B. Tanner, real estate agent for the apartment premises bounded by E. Cullerton Street, Indiana Avenue and 21st Street, business address 1811 South Wabash Avenue, telephone Calumet 1663, home address 6302 N. Leavitt Street, telephone Hollycourt 2814, to use the third floor apartment on the East side of the entrance at 118 E. Cullerton. Further arrangements were made with Mr. James Locke, janitor, for these apartment premises, address, rear of 118 East 21st Street, whom agent had contacted before in connection with this case. The tap on the wire of Frank Hayes was then put in by agent Nichols. [REDACTED] The connection was entirely satisfactory.

For the information of others who may work on this tap it will be noted that one Red Price, alias Arthur Johnson, now serving a life sentence in a Colorado State Penitentiary, but who escaped in 1931 and remained at large until the winter or spring of 1933, stated that while he was at large he had associated with Nash, Verne Miller, James (Gus) Stevens (whose address in Chicago will be investigated in connection with this case), Big Tom (possibly Bailey), Big Homer and Shotgun Ziegler, the latter two not being located on scanty information furnished by Price. Price's story seems essentially correct, however. He alleges that Frank Hayes was a confidant of the gang, acted as banker for Big Homer, and also acted as a fence. Hayes, he stated, operated a cheap rooming house or hotel at 745 South State Street and ran a "hootch joint" in connection with the hotel. His apartment in the vicinity of 22d Street and Prairie Avenue was the meeting place for the gang.

Hayes formerly lived at 2218 Prairie Avenue but moved from that building in May, 1933, to 2000 Indiana Avenue. Hayes occupies the first floor apartment directly on the corner of E. Cullerton Street and Indiana Avenue. This is in the Northeast corner of the building. There are numerous entrances to this building on Indiana Avenue, and one each on E. Cullerton Street and on 21st Street. Each entrance serves six apartments, that is, two apartments on each floor, since the structure is three stories high with a basement underneath the entire building. Apartments are served from the front by the one entrance only. The rear of these apartments leads into a very large yard in the rear used by tenants for the most part to dry washing. In the lower or 21st Street end of this yard is the home of the janitor. This is a regular two-story brick structure. The yard and sides of the apartments to the West in the 21st and Cullerton Street entrances are bounded by an alley which runs North and South and bisects the block.



Entrance from the rear is open and reasonably convenient to many tenants. Each of these apartments consists of nine rooms, many of them good size rooms, which style of apartment was in vogue at the time this building was erected. The owner of this building lives in one of the apartments on one of the Indiana Avenue addresses. Her name is Mrs. Smithson. The tenants are all rated as respectable people. Most of the apartments are now not being used, however, for the purpose of renting rooms. For a time this summer the Hayes apartment did not rent rooms, but for the last several months a "Room for Rent" sign has appeared in the window.

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[REDACTED]  
This vacant apartment is on the third floor, that is the top floor, of the entrance, 119 E. Cullerton Street. The apartment is to the right, that is, East, immediately at the head of the stairs. The vestibule key for entrance to the inner door at the head of the steps on the first floor (which is locked only part of the time) and the apartment key were obtained by agent. Duplicates were made of these keys. The originals were left with agent Nichols and the duplicates are attached to this memorandum.

Since the owners desire to rent this apartment, it must be shown to interested persons. [REDACTED]

b7E  
[REDACTED] A woman named Mrs. Frank lives across the hall. She is a friend of Mrs. Hayes.

The back way cannot be used. Care should be taken that the agent on duty is not seen from the window since the flat is supposed to be vacant. No bell should be rung on entering, but the agent should proceed from Michigan Avenue (in order not to pass the Hayes apartment) and turn into 119 E. Cullerton, ascending to the third floor and entering the apartment without knocking or noise. [REDACTED]

b7E  
[REDACTED] No lights are connected in this apartment and in consequence the flashlight should only be used when the necessary shades are drawn to insure that the light will not be visible from without. When in the side room, of course, silence must be paramount if the apartment is being shown.

The telephone directly shows that the number tapped, Victory 7292, is listed in the name of Mrs. Frank Hayes, 2000 Indiana Avenue. This telephone is a manual and not a dial telephone. The Frank Hayes Hotel is at 745 South State Street and the telephone is Webster 7157.

Mr. Tanner promised to notify agent if the apartment was rented and arrangements may be possible in such an event to have a store room in the basement utilized for the tap.

Special Agent A. D. Mehegan made an examination of the baggage and personal belongings which were found in the Ford Coupe which Miller abandoned, and which is more particularly described in a memorandum submitted by agent Mehegan, dated November 13, 1933, copies of which memorandum have been sent to the interested offices and investigation on leads obtained from examination of these clothes has been requested by letter.

On November 11, 1933, Lieutenant Barry of the Chicago Police Department advised that the caretaker of the Maywood Golf Course had informed him that a party described as Miller, and whose photograph the caretaker identified as Miller, had been at the golf course.

Special Agent J. J. Keating and the writer interviewed Mr. Henry Sperain, caretaker of the Maywood Golf Course, located on Mannheim Road in Melrose Park. He stated that on Saturday afternoon, November 4, 1933, a party whom he identified as Verne Miller from the photograph on the Identification Order, had played golf at the Maywood Golf Course and had been in the locker rooms, drinking gin. He stated that there were with the party described as Miller two Italians, both smaller than Miller, and one other man, whom he described as follows:

No. 1

Age - - - - - 30  
Height - - - - - 5'8"  
Weight - - - - - 145 lb.  
Hair - - - - - Black  
Nationality - - Italian

No. 2

Same description as No. 1, other than this one might be about 35 years of age.  
Nationality - - Italian

No. 8

Age - - - - - 38  
Height - - - - 5'8"  
Weight - - - - 170-180 lb.  
Hair - - - - - Black  
Nationality - - Might be Italian or Jewish

Mr. Sperain described the party whom he identified as Miller as follows:

Age - - - - - 28-30  
Height - - - - 5'7"  
Weight - - - - 145-150 lb.  
Hair - - - - - Reddish  
Smooth shaven  
No peculiarities

Mr. Sperain stated that after these men had finished a bottle of gin which they had, they asked him to bring some drinks, and he told them that he did not have any, but that they could get some drinks at Doc Stacey's, which is near the golf course. He said that the party resembling Miller said, "Nothing doing, we'll keep away from that joint, it's hot". Sperain further stated that one of the men went to the telephone, which is a pay station telephone, No. Hillside 8225, and made a telephone call to a place which number he obtained from the telephone book, and when the telephone was answered, he asked if everything was O. K. and then remarked that they would be over. Sperain further stated that the four described persons had two golf bags with them.

Mr. Sperain stated that Lieutenant Barry had called at the golf course, and that he believed that Barry had made some inquiries at some speakeasies in that vicinity. Lieutenant Barry later advised that he had received a telephone call from some unknown person to the effect that a party resembling Miller was at the golf course, and that he had gone over to the golf course immediately and had talked to Henry Sperain, but found that the party described as Miller and his companions had left the golf course, and that he, Barry, and his squad had raided several speakeasies in the vicinity of the golf course but had not been able to find the parties referred to.

The writer, together with Special Agent Keating, made a check of the passenger lists at the United Air Lines and interviewed various employees at the Municipal Airport to determine if anyone had seen a person

answering Miller's description leave by aeroplane. Information was obtained from Paul Wertheimer, a pilot of the Monarch Air Lines, residence 6230 South Kilpatrick Avenue, and from a messenger boy named McGlynn, and also from an employee of the United Air Lines named W. E. McNeilken, that they had seen a party answering Miller's description leave the airport by plane for Newark, New Jersey. The party referred to by these people was later identified by the New York office as being Julian T. Bishop, who bore some resemblance to Miller but was not Subject Miller. Identification orders were left with the passenger agents at the Municipal Airport and also with employees of the United Air Lines, and photographs of Miller were also distributed to all the stewards on the United Air Lines planes, and arrangements were made with Mr. Fenney of the United Air Lines to transmit any information concerning Miller to this office if he were identified as a passenger on any of their planes.

On November 17, 1935, the writer made an examination of the baggage which had been left by Vivian and Miller in Apartment 211 of the Sherone Apartments, which is presently stored in a small room off of the corridor on the second floor of the Sherone Apartments. In a small hand wardrobe trunk containing clothes of both Miller and Vivian Mathias, there were found the following clothes, apparently belonging to Miller, and which probably were in the trunk in the possession of Vivian previous to the visit by Miller, or else had been in the valise of Miller's carried into the apartment by Bobbie Moore.

- 1 pr. brown trousers with label of Rogers Peet Co., New York and Boston - mark on right hip pocket 33ED/32.
- 1 brown topcoat with white checks, with label marked "Harris Tweed", FIN/Kerry, made in England for Finchley, New York and Chicago, Lot L-6725, Size 37. This coat was identified by Mr. Riggs of Finchleys as having been sold to Miller, and which is more specifically set out in a previous report of Special Agent John L. Madala.
- 1 black leather golf bag made by Canvas Products Corporation, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This golf bag was found in Apartment 211 and contained 10 irons with the name of Kenneth L. Smith Reg. No. 3318, and 5 wooden steel shaft driving clubs with the name of Kenneth L. Smith and the same register number. 1 iron club was marked Reg. No. 3674. It is possible that the Kansas City office can identify the names with the register Nos. 3318 and 3674. There was also found in a side pocket of the golf bag 1 pair of moccasin golf packs, black bottoms with white uppers, with the number 5-C-65634. There were also shoe forms in these moccasin packs.

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1 men's shirt, new laundry mark of LHB (probably a shirt borrowed from Louis Buchalter in New York). This shirt also contained an old laundry mark with the initials FHO and a label thereon of Carson, Pirie Scott & Co.

The trunk also contained a number of shirts and underwear uppers marked VCM, with the label of Jax Son, E. C. Mo., a few also marked Macy, New York.

The trunk also contained a pair of Florsheim men's shoes, size 8 1/2, also golf knickers, men's sweaters, etc.

The above articles were placed in the brown valise which had been taken from the Ford of Miller's by Bobbie Moore, and same were taken to the office by this agent.

The same trunk containing the clothes above described, evidently belonging to Miller, also contained clothes of Vivian's. There were considerable expensive clothes, the following clothing being noted:

1 dress with initials on neck, VCM. This is an orange colored house or sport dress.

There were also found in storage in the Sherone Apartment, included in the luggage which had been left in Apartment 211, one suitcase, light brown aeroplane luggage made by Hartman's, which suitcase contained one black velvet coat trimmed with white fur, one corduroy jacket made by J. C. Penny. There was also another smaller suitcase of light tan aeroplane luggage, in which were found one pair of women's pajamas with the initials LHB on the neck band, a blue purse and a large white purse. In the white purse there was found a package of safety matches, marked Hotel Pierre, New York. (During an interview Vivian Mathias denied that she had ever been at the Hotel Pierre). There were also found a lace blouse with the initials VCM, white satin bedroom slippers with the name of Kersey on the bottom, shoes made by Barneys, New York City, and one blue nightgown with the initials VCM.

The clothing which was found in the bags containing initials as above described was also brought to the Chicago Division office and is being kept here for the possible use in identifying Vivian Mathias as probably being the woman who appeared at the Union Station, as described by the colored witness, Mrs. Turner.



On November 2, 1933, the writer contacted Commissioner James P. Allman of the Chicago Police Department, and had instructions issued to Captain Zimmer in charge of the Supervising Captains of the Chicago Police Department, to call in all commanding officers in every precinct in Chicago, and to distribute Identification Orders on Vernon C. Miller and to issue instructions that every hotel and hotel apartment, and as many apartments, particularly those which might be called shady, be canvassed by officers and checked for anyone answering the description of Miller. Captain Zimmer later communicated with the writer and advised that he had called the Captains of every precinct in and had distributed the Identification Orders and had issued instructions to the above effect.

As a result of this, Captain Lynch of the Seventh District advised that he had assigned Sergeant Ed. Healon and Patrolman James Dimmer to canvass all hotels and hotel apartment houses, and that they had contacted one Harry Steiner, Manager of the New Tivoli Hotel, 6514 Maryland Avenue, Chicago, who advised the officers that he was well acquainted with Bobbie Moore and might be in a position to give some information of value.

Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, with the writer, interviewed Mr. Harry Steiner, who advised that he was formerly Manager of the Sherone Apartments; that he knew Bobbie Moore and that she had two children who were at that time, which was about two years previous, attending St. Mary's Catholic School. At the time Mr. Steiner was contacted, this office was in possession of considerable more information concerning Bobbie Moore than was in the possession of Mr. Steiner, but Mr. Steiner stated that if he heard any information concerning the whereabouts of Verne Miller, he would immediately communicate with this office.

In an examination of the clothing found in the trunk in the rumble seat of the Ford Coupe abandoned by Miller, there was found three shirts with a label indicating that same had been made to order by Marshall Field and Co. The writer interviewed Mr. P. M. Arl, in charge of the Customs Department at Marshall Field, who examined the shirts and found that same had been manufactured by them under order No. 14564, this order number appearing on the lower edge of the shirt front. Mr. Arl looked up his records, and found that order No. 14564 was listed to account No. 20937 under the name of V. C. Manion, who gave his address as 6930 South Shore Drive, Apartment 204, telephone Plaza 2200. Mr. Arl was shown a photograph of Vernon C. Miller and he immediately identified it as the customer known to him as V. C. Manion. The account card, which is maintained, shows that on October 6, 1932, Miller, under the name of V. C. Manion,

ordered six white shirts with initials V. C. M. on neck band, and an old English V sewed on the sleeve. Mr. Arl stated that his record card indicated that these shirts were to be called for but that this had been stricken out, and that the shirts were apparently delivered on October 22, 1932, to 6930 South Shore Drive. The card further indicated that on May 16, 1933, V. C. Manion had sent nine shirts to have new collars attached. This order was first marked to call, but Mr. Arl thinks that the shirts were later delivered to 6930 South Shore Drive. Mr. Arl advised that he did not have any signature or any further information; that all the transactions were in cash; that the first bill of goods purchased by Miller, which included pajamas and underwear, in addition to the shirts, amounted to \$152.00, and that there was a further charge in May of 1933 of \$4.50 for attaching new collars to the shirts.

It was determined that 6930 South Shore Drive, telephone Plaza 2200, is the Country Club Hotel. The writer interviewed Miss McClure, who advised that Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Manion had registered at the hotel on August 24, 1932, from Springfield, Illinois, and had occupied an apartment there until November 29, 1932. The original register sheet was obtained from Miss McClure, photostatic copies were made of this and photostatic copies are being attached to the Division, Kansas City, New York and St. Paul copies of this report. Miss McClure identified the photograph of Verne Miller on I. O. 1195 as being the person who had lived there under the name of V. C. Manion, and also identified the snapshot of Vivian Mathias as being that of the woman who lived there as Mrs. V. C. Manion. Miss McClure made a search of her records to determine what telephone calls were made, but found that she had destroyed all telephone records prior to January, 1933. Miss McClure recalled that the parties known as Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Manion had arrived at the hotel with considerable baggage, including one or two small wardrobe hand trunks; that no large trunks were delivered; that as she recalled, all the baggage arrived with the people in a taxicab. After making inquiries of the other employees of the hotel, she stated she could not obtain any further information concerning Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Manion other than they kept to themselves most of the time and had no visitors except one man, whom she could not describe, who had a police dog. She stated that the Manions did not have a dog. She also stated that these people made few telephone calls, as her record of total charges indicated that few telephone calls were made. She also stated she believed that these people had an automobile while there, and that they parked same on a free parking lot, immediately adjoining the hotel, but she could not obtain any information as to the make or license number of this car.

Lieutenant John Howe of the Chicago Police Department, while working in cooperation with Indiana police in searching for escapes from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana, informed Special Agent W. A. Smith that he had a tap on a wire from the office of Bob Marcus, a bondsman at 11th and State Street, and that at 9:42 A. M. on November 9, 1933, the following telephone conversation was heard;

Woman calling - dials Longbeach 0800 (Sherone Apts.)  
Woman answering - Hello.  
Woman calling - GLO  
Woman answering - Hello.  
" calling - Ann - Marion, how are you?  
" answering - Fine.  
Marion calling - See, I did a silly thing, today is not the 10th and I came down here. Bob isn't here yet, but as soon as he comes, we'll go there. My lawyer told me to do that and we could get in.  
Ann answers - What time will Bob be down?  
Marion - In a few minutes, I'll call you after I see him, is that all right?  
Ann answers - Do that.  
Marion - All right, Ann (hangs up)

Outgoing call at 5:40 P. M., November 9, 1933:

Man calling - Bittersweet 1286 (unpublished)  
Woman answers - Hello.  
Man - How are you?  
Woman - I am fine. How are you?  
Man - Just fine, did you hear from Marion?  
Woman - Yes, she was arraigned this morning and the bond set.  
Man - How much is it?  
Woman - \$2,500.00.  
Man - Did you get the money?  
Woman - Yes I did and thank you very much.  
Man - Don't mention it at all, how does she feel?  
Woman - Pretty good.  
Man - I am waiting for Bob and then I will be right out there.  
Woman - All right, then, goodbye.

On November 10, 1933, Lieutenant John Howe advised Special Agent W. A. Smith that the following conversation was heard on a tap on telephone Seeley 7540, located at 1941 Warren:

1:41 P. M. outgoing.

Dials - Nevada 6300 (Oriental Ct. Apts. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 3269 Maypole Avenue)

Man answers - Hello,

Woman calls - 114 please, Mr.? indistinct.

Woman answers - Hello.

Woman calls - Hello Ann? Are you still enthused about the flat?

Woman ans. - It's up to you.

Woman call - I spoke to Verne last night and he said to wait until every thing's all right. We could get an apartment and have you and Rose for about a week. Nothing classy or ritzy - just to get by for a couple of weeks.

Woman ans. - I don't know. It's up to you, but don't forget 2 bedrooms.

Woman call - Christ's sake. We don't want to go in debt, we have to borrow money to get started on.

Woman ans. - I don't think I'll stay here.

Woman call - I'd like to see you during the week.

Woman ans. - Jerry and I had a fight last night.

Woman call - He stopped by this morning - what was it about?

Woman ans. - He thought that I was calling somebody.

Woman call - You'll get over it - I'll come over tomorrow about 8:30.

Woman ans. - All right - sometime later in the afternoon.

In view of the above conversation mentioning Verne, the writer, in company with Special Agent Keating, interviewed Mr. John Marter, resident manager at the Oriental Court Apartments, 3269 Maypole Avenue, telephone Nevada 6300. He advised that the telephone, Nevada 6300, is located in the apartment occupied by him and was used by a number of tenants in the building who did not have telephones of their own. He advised that Apartment 114 had been rented by two men for a girl, and that there were two girls living there, one named Ann and the other Rose. He did not have any record showing their names as the apartment was rented furnished, but that he believed their names were Perry and Bjorklund.



He said that one of the girls was a blonde, about 26 years of age, and one was a brunette about the same age. He said that the apartment was rented on September 18, 1933, and that at that time two men had arranged for the rental of the apartment and later the girls had occupied it. He stated that he had not seen any men around the apartment occupied by the girls; that the girls stayed out most of the night, and he believed they were hustlers, and that they received a number of telephone calls, making appointments, and he believed some of these calls were probably from taxicab drivers who were dating the girls up with boy friends. Mr. Marter advised that he had an extension telephone on the telephone and that he could listen in on any conversations, and that he would listen in on any conversations which these two girls had and would immediately telephone this office if any information was obtained indicating that they were contacting Verne Miller. It was thought from the character of the apartment house that the Verne mentioned in the telephone conversation was a taxicab driver who was arranging to get one of the girls an apartment.

The facts in the case against Vivian Mathias, aliases: Vivian Mathews, Vivian Allen, Vivian Gibson, Mrs. C. T. Hays, Mrs. C. T. Hayes, Clare Hayes; and Bobbie Moore, aliases: Mrs. J. Harris, Mrs. A. J. Williams, for harboring and concealing Verne Miller were presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois on November 6, 1933, and on November 8, 1933, a true bill was returned, charging Vivian Mathias and Bobbie Moore with harboring and concealing a person for whom a warrant had been issued so as to prevent discovery and arrest of said person, in violation of Section 846, Title 18, U. S. C. A.; also a second count charging conspiracy so to do, in violation of Section 88, Title 18, U. S. C. A. The facts in this particular case were made subject of a separate file, Chicago file 62-1712.

Bobbie Moore was taken into Federal custody on November 6, 1933, by the United States Marshal at Chicago, and Vivian Mathias was taken into Federal custody by the United States Marshal, Chicago, on November 15, 1933. Both were arraigned before Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson on November 20, 1933 and bond fixed at \$50,000.00, at which time they were represented by Benjamin Feldman, 10 North Clark Street. Upon a statement by Feldman that he did not have sufficient opportunity to go over the facts of the case, pleas of not guilty were entered for the defendants by the Court, and they were remanded to custody, pending a motion for reduction of bond, which was set for 10:00 A. M. on November 23, 1933. Vivian Mathias was remanded to the Kane County Jail and Bobbie Moore was remanded to the House of Correction, Chicago, Illinois.

On November 20, 1933, the \$374.00 in cash which had been found in the apartment of Vivian Mathias on November 1, 1933, was turned over to her in the presence of her attorney, Benjamin Feldman, and a receipt was obtained signed by Vivian as Clare Hayes. This receipt is being maintained in the Chicago file.



Assistant United States Attorney Warren Canaday indicated to attorney Feldman that a recommendation of a sentence of one year and one day for each defendant would be made on a plea of guilty.

On November 23, 1933, Vivian and Bobbie again appeared before Judge Wilkerson, at which time Mr. Feldman made a request for a further continuance of the case, and same was continued on his motion for reduction of bail to November 29, 1933.

On November 29, 1933 Vivian and Bobbie appeared before Judge Wilkerson, entered pleas of guilty as charged, and both were sentenced to one year and one day in the Federal Prison for Women at Alderson, West Virginia.

No leads are being set out for the interested offices as all leads developed in this territory which appear to be of importance were previously transmitted to the interested offices by letter.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**CHICAGO OFFICE:** Will follow out all appropriate leads in this district in an endeavor to establish the identity of all the parties who participated in the Kansas City massacre and to locate and cause the apprehension of the known fugitives in this case.

**ADDENDUM:**

Since dictating the above report, information was received from the Division, Washington, D. C., advising that Subject Miller was found murdered at Detroit, Michigan on the morning of November 30, 1933, and that positive identification had been made. The passing of Miller, therefore, eliminates considerable leads in this district.

**PENDING**

Sheet No.

Register No.

Date

Money, Jewels and Valuables Must Be Deposited in the Office Safe, Otherwise the Proprietor Will Not Be Responsible for Any Loss.

FORM 38

NAME

RESIDENCE

ROOM

1	8/21/32	Q. W. Adams	Good	7/4159	612
2	8/21/32	F. W. Reynolds	" "	7/4154	614
3	8/21/32	Miss A. Payne	Wright	7/4159	606A
4	8/21/32	Miss M. Barton	Wright	7/4159	606A
5	8/21/32	Mr. Clyde Cliff	The Oaks	7/4160	916
6	8/21/32	Mr. R. A. Shillingham	Wine Room	7/4161	820
7	8/21/32	John Ballard	Springfield	7/4162	214
8	8/21/32	E. C. C. & Son	Logans - Mich.	7/4163	910
9	8/21/32	William A. Baker	Hammond Ohio	7/4164	706
10	8/21/32	Mr. W. E. O'Keefe	Oakdale, Neb.	7/4165	908

No.	Date	Name	Address	Phone
11	8/24/32	Mr. Harry [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
12	8/24/32	Mr. J. K. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
13	8/22/32	N. D. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
14	8/22/32	Mr. Wm. H. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
15	8/22/32	Mr. & Mrs. H. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
16	8/23/32	Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
17	8/23/32	Edward [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
18	8/23/32	Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
19	8/23/32	Mr. & Mrs. J. P. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
20	8/23/32	Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
21	8/24/32	Mr. & Mrs. V. E. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
22	8/24/32	Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
23	8/24/32	Mr. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
24	8/24/32	Mr. & Mrs. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
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